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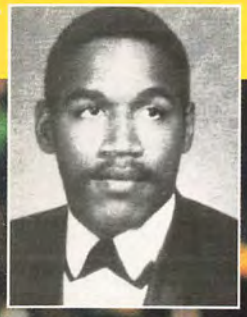

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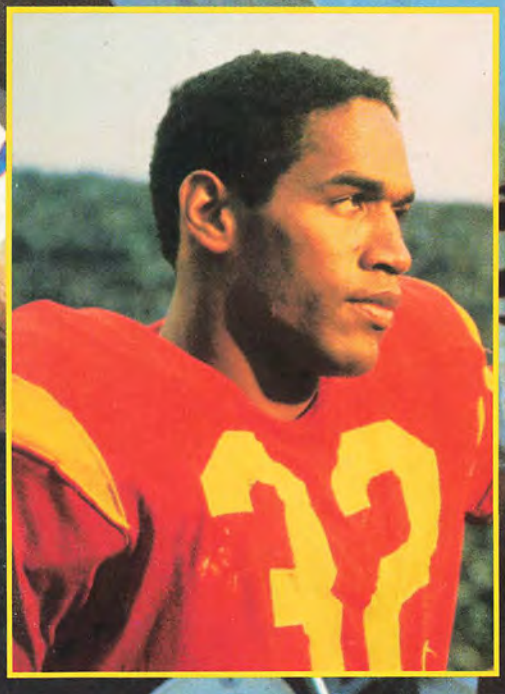

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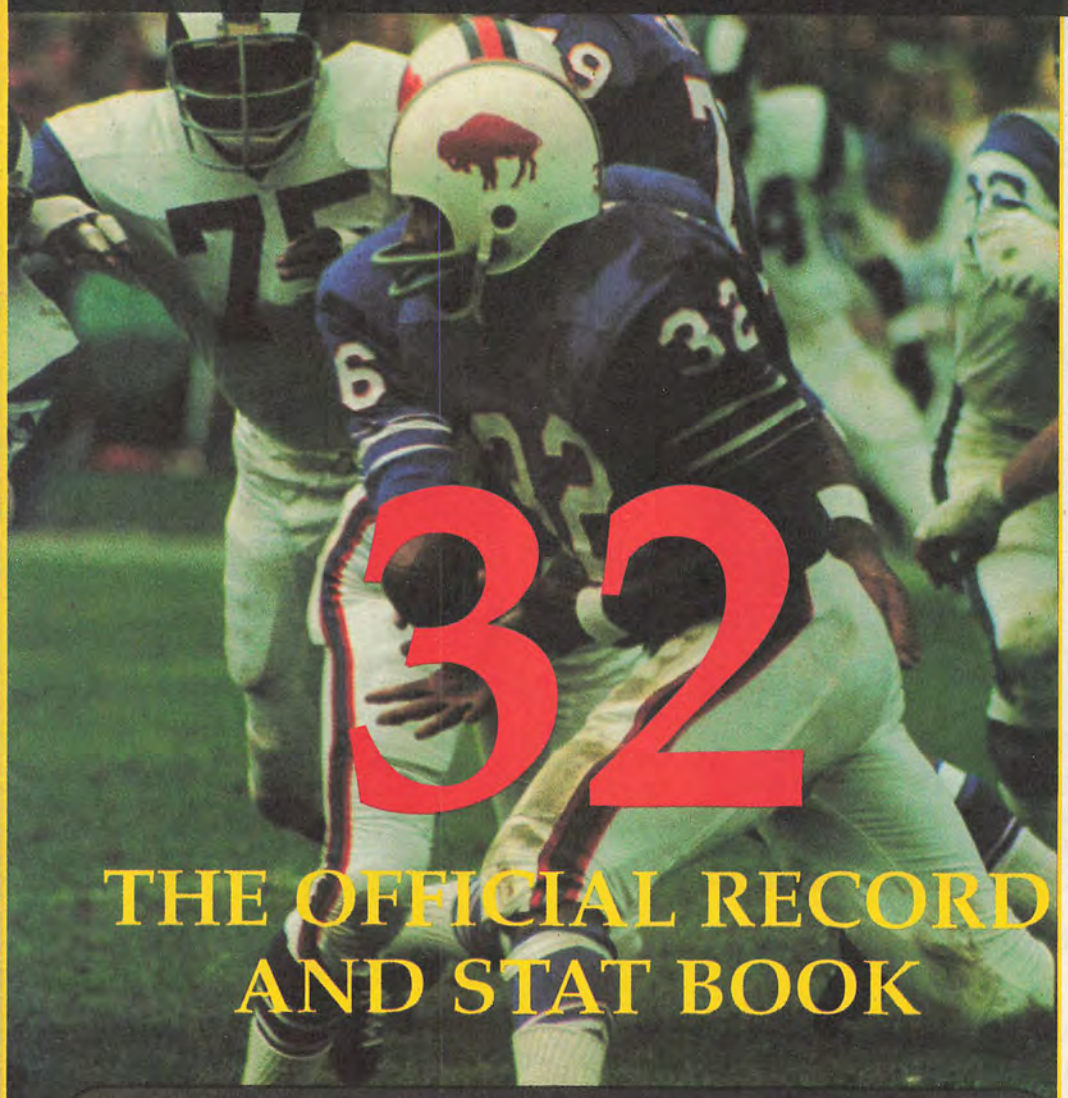

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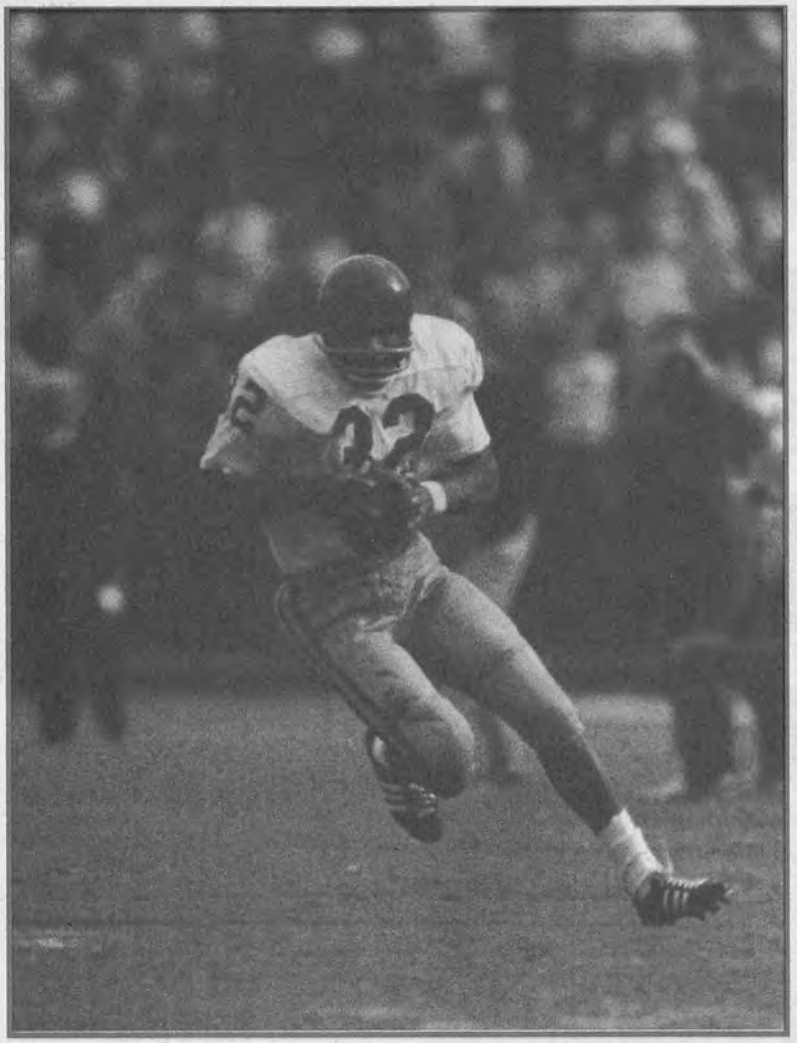


A Journey From Heisman to the Hall

by Bob McCoy

It seems that every sport has one player who's jersey number becomes symbolic of that individual and it's almost sacrilegious for another team's player to wear the same number. In baseball it was number 7, Mickey Mantle. Even if you were a Little League player, if you donned a number 7 jersey you had better lived up to the expectations it carried. In football O.J. Simpson made the number 32 the most sought after as well as the most feared jersey number to wear. While others before Simpson wore 32 (the most notable was Jim Brown), it is most identified with O.J., not just because of his unbelievable athletic ability, but he also brought a real charisma and charm to the game. Simpson became a "prime time" star as television brought more and more games into our homes on a weekly basis. The Juice was seemingly running through our living rooms each and every Sunday!

O.J.'s football career almost didn't even make it into first gear. As a high school running at Galileo High School in San Francisco, Simpson, despite all of his athletic talent, preferred an off the field lifestyle that was destined for trouble. Had it not been for a high school football coach who counseled the young O.J., the world may have never seen the gridiron superstar. Because his grades were substandard for entry into a four year college program, Simpson headed to City College of San Francisco in 1965 and 1966. 54 touchdowns and 2952 yards later, O.J. was ready for the big time. You can imagine how every four year college program in the country was salivating over the idea of Simpson in their backfield. The winner of the "Simpson Sweepstakes", however, was the University of Southern California.

At highly profiled USC, O.J. had the opportunity to showcase his talents to the sports world. In 1967, O.J.'s first year with the Trojans, he tallied over 1500 yards rushing, scored 13 TD's and led them to a Rose Bowl victory over Indiana. The only blemish on USC's record that year was a 3 - 0 loss to Oregon State. The pollsters were forgiving, however, and awarded the 10 -1 Rose Bowl champs a number one ranking at season's end. O.J. provided more than an encore performance in the 1968 season by rushing for nearly 1900 yards and scoring 23 TD's. Despite winning their first 9 games that year USC tied Notre Dame in the season's finale and lost in the Rose Bowl to Ohio State. Against the Buckeyes Simpson had 171 rushing and electrified the crowd with an 80 yard TD gallop.

As O.J. concluded his college career he was awarded college football's most coveted prize - the Heisman trophy. While Simpson's college statistics are truly remarkable (over 3400 yards rushing; 36 TD's), one also needs to consider his durability and the consistency of his play to fully appreciate him:

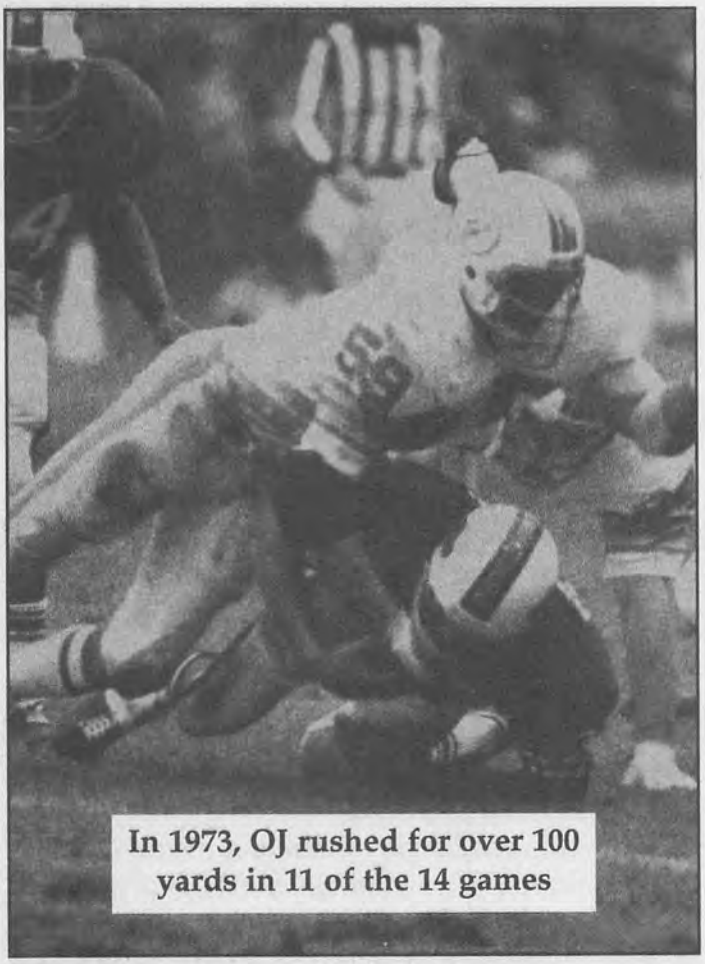
* In his 22 game college career O.J. missed just one due to injuries.

* His durability was evident in the fact that he had 14 games in which he carried the ball over 30 times. Three times he topped 40 rushes in a game.

* In the 21 games that O.J. played for USC he rushed for over 100 yards in 17 of them. Five times he powered for 200 or more yards in a game.

The two PAC - 8 teams who dreaded (and feared!) facing O.J. the most were the Huskies of Washington and the Oregon State Beavers. In his two games against the Washington Simpson totaled 407 yards and scored 4 times; versus Oregon State O.J. ran for 426 yards, but they did a better job of keeping him out of the end zone (1 TD). Not all teams in the Pacific northwest found O.J. all that intimidating, however. Oregon had O.J.'s number. In his two games against the Ducks, Simpson had just 130 yards and managed only 1 TD.

O.J.'s pro career didn't exactly start out according to script for "all-everything" of college football. As the first player chosen in the 1969 college draft, O.J. headed to Buffalo to begin his professional career with Heisman in tow. However, then-Buffalo head coach, John Rauch, had his own ideas of how the Juice would be utilized. Rauch believed that O.J.'s best contribution to the team could be realized as a running back, a receiver and a kickoff



In 1973, OJ rushed for over 100 yards in 11 of the 14 games

returner. Rauch even entertained the notion that Simpson should be converted a wide receiver!

The Juice's stats in his early years with the Bills reflected this misuse of his talents. As a matter of fact following the 1971 season, even though Rauch had been replaced, O.J. requested

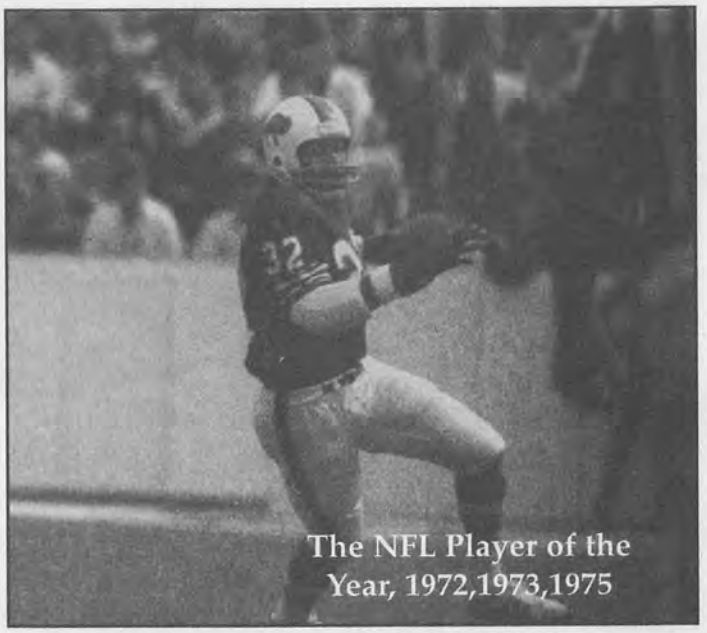
Simpson's career was "rescued" when Buffalo named Lou Saban as their new head coach

to be traded as he saw his skill being under-utilized. Fortunately, however, Simpson's career was "rescued" when Buffalo named Lou Saban has their new head coach for the 1972 season. Saban sought to restore O.J. to his customary position as the full time running back for his team and over the next 5 years (1972-1976) the Juice put together a string of unforgettable performances. Check out how O.J.'s career was revitalized during these 5 seasons:

* Rushed for 7699 yards (he had 11,236 in his career)
* Scored 54 TD's (75 in his career)
* Led the NFL in rushing in 4 of these 5 seasons
* Became the first NFL running back to top 2000 yards in a season (1973)
* Rushed for over 100 yards in 11 out of 14 games in 1973
* Three times in 1973 he had 200+ yard games
* Put together a string of 7 consecutive games of 100 or more yards (1972-1973)
* Scored 23 TD's in 1975
* Scored a TD in <u>every</u> game of 1975
* Named to the Pro Bowl in each year
* Named the NFL's Player of the Year in 1972, 1973 and 1975

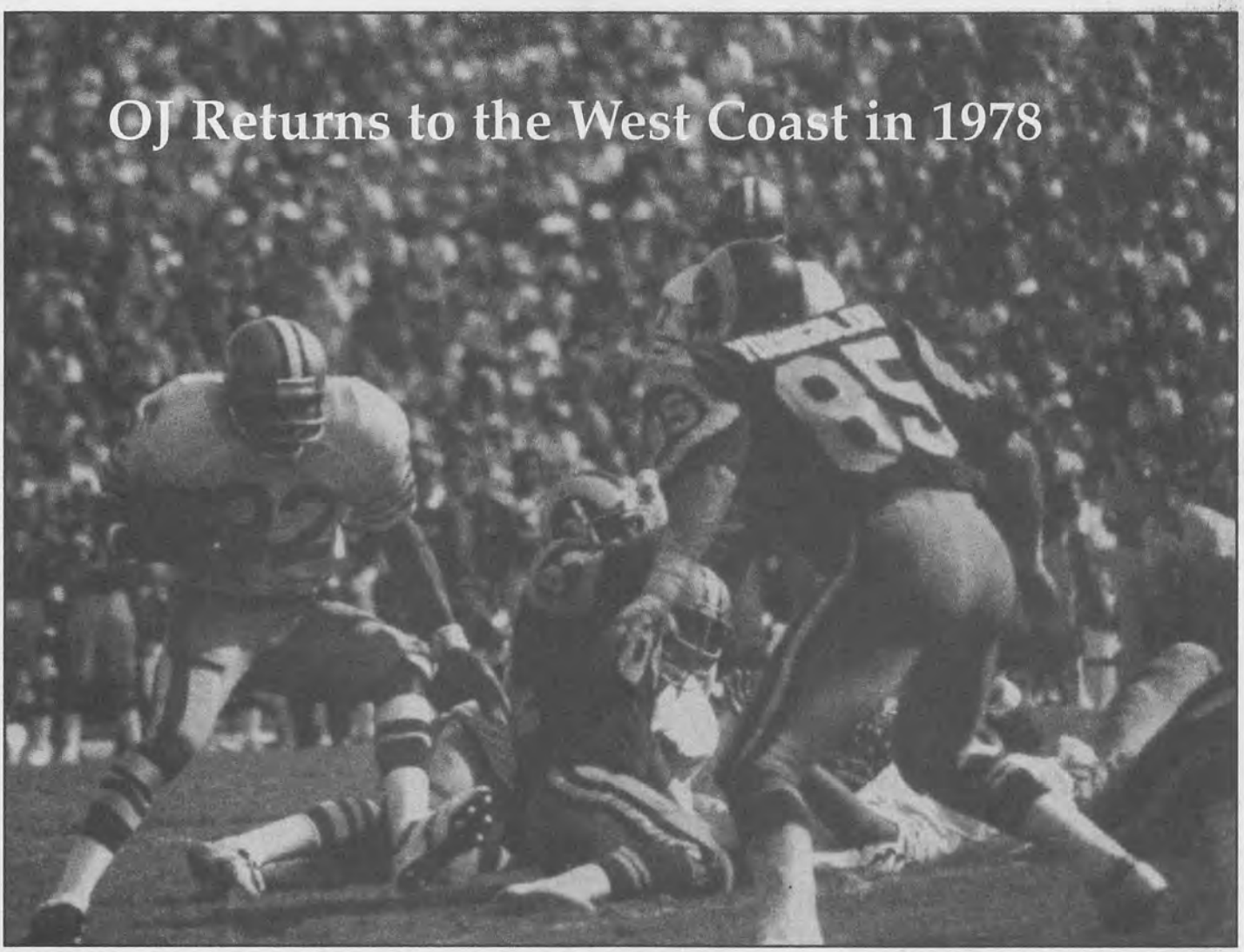
Whew! Imagine if Rauch had turned O.J. loose in the early years!

Like many pro athletes, O.J.'s final years of professional football were not quite what he had hoped. In 1977, his last season in Buffalo, O.J.



The NFL Player of the Year, 1972,1973,1975

suffered a knee injury and missed the second half of the season. This was the only year of his professional career in which he failed to register



at least one touchdown. Ironically, in the game in which he was injured he rushed for 32 yards - the same number that was on his jersey.

The next season O.J. saw his wish for a trade to a west coast team fulfilled. The Juice was coming home to San Francisco. The 49ers paid a stiff price too - 5 draft picks spread out over three years: 2nd and 3rd round selections in 1978, 1st and 4th rounders in 1979 and a 2nd round pick in 1980. However age and injuries were catching up with O.J. and he lacked the sprinter speed and the fluid movement that characterized his play from a few seasons earlier. Following the 1979 season Simpson retired from the playing field leaving behind a legacy that won't be forgotten.

If there are any regrets to O.J.'s career they are most likely related to the fact that he never played on a Super Bowl championship team. Actually the Juice only tasted the sweetness of post season play once in his career - 1974. However, there still was one more accolade for O.J. that soothed the pain of a career without a championship ring. The NFL's Hall of Fame would beckon the Juice in August of 1985 to become one of the games' immortals.

On a muggy August 3rd in 1985 former Buffalo head coach Lou Saban introduced O.J. Simpson to a gathering at the NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Canton, Ohio. Perhaps Saban was speaking for many of us when he concluded his presentation by saying

"...Thanks for the ride, Juice, I thoroughly enjoyed it..."

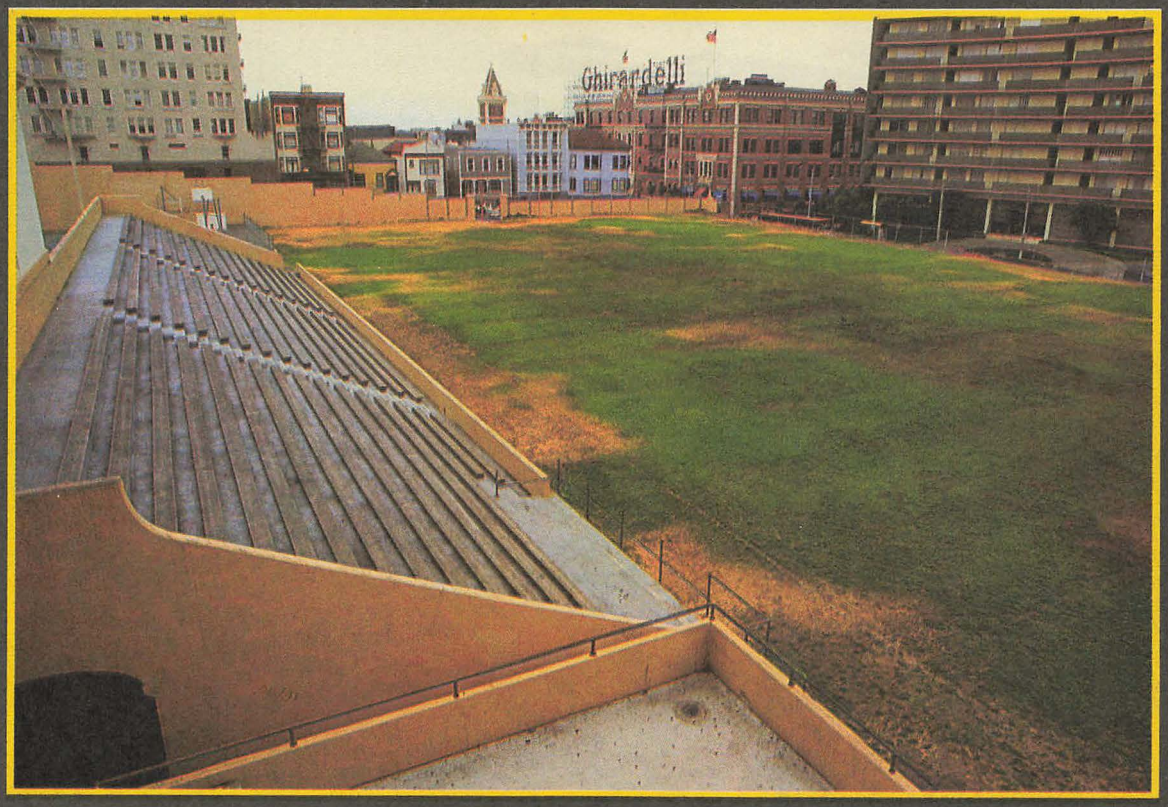
GALILEO HIGH SCHOOL

San Francisco, California

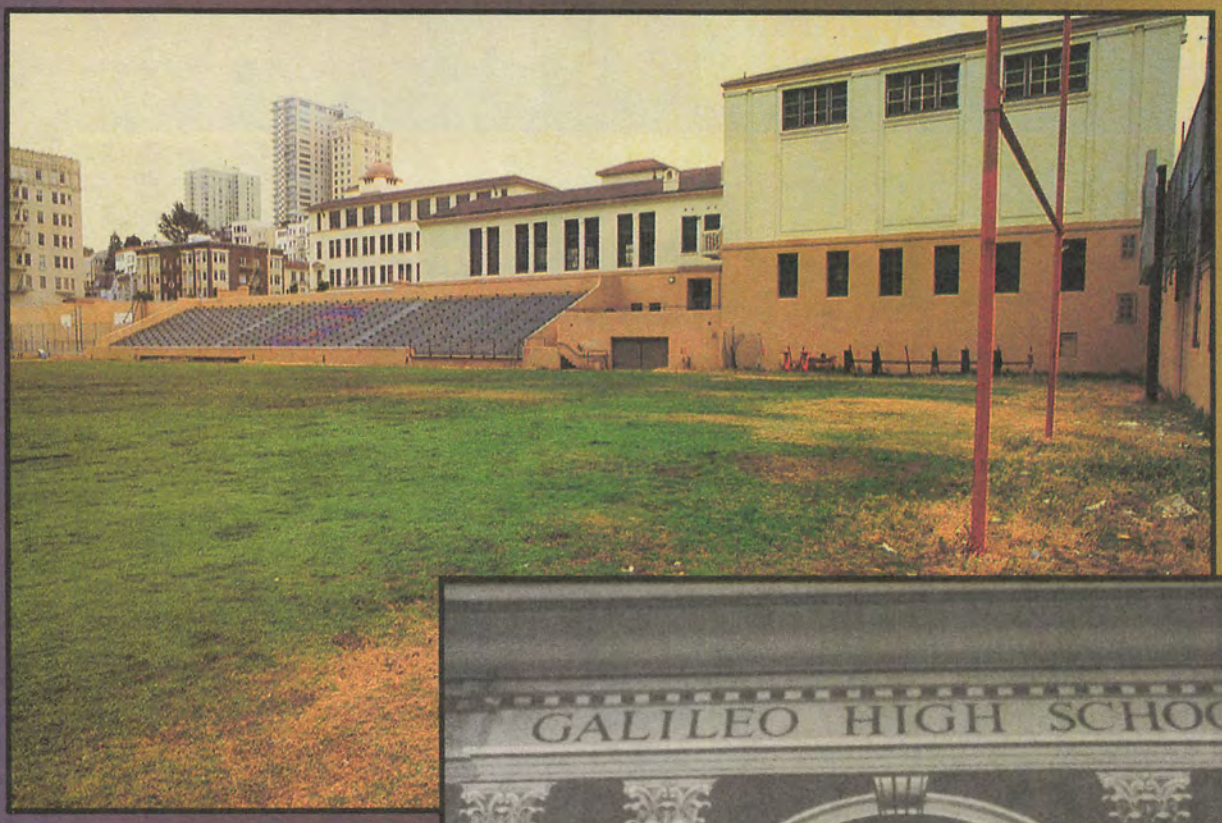
1961-1964

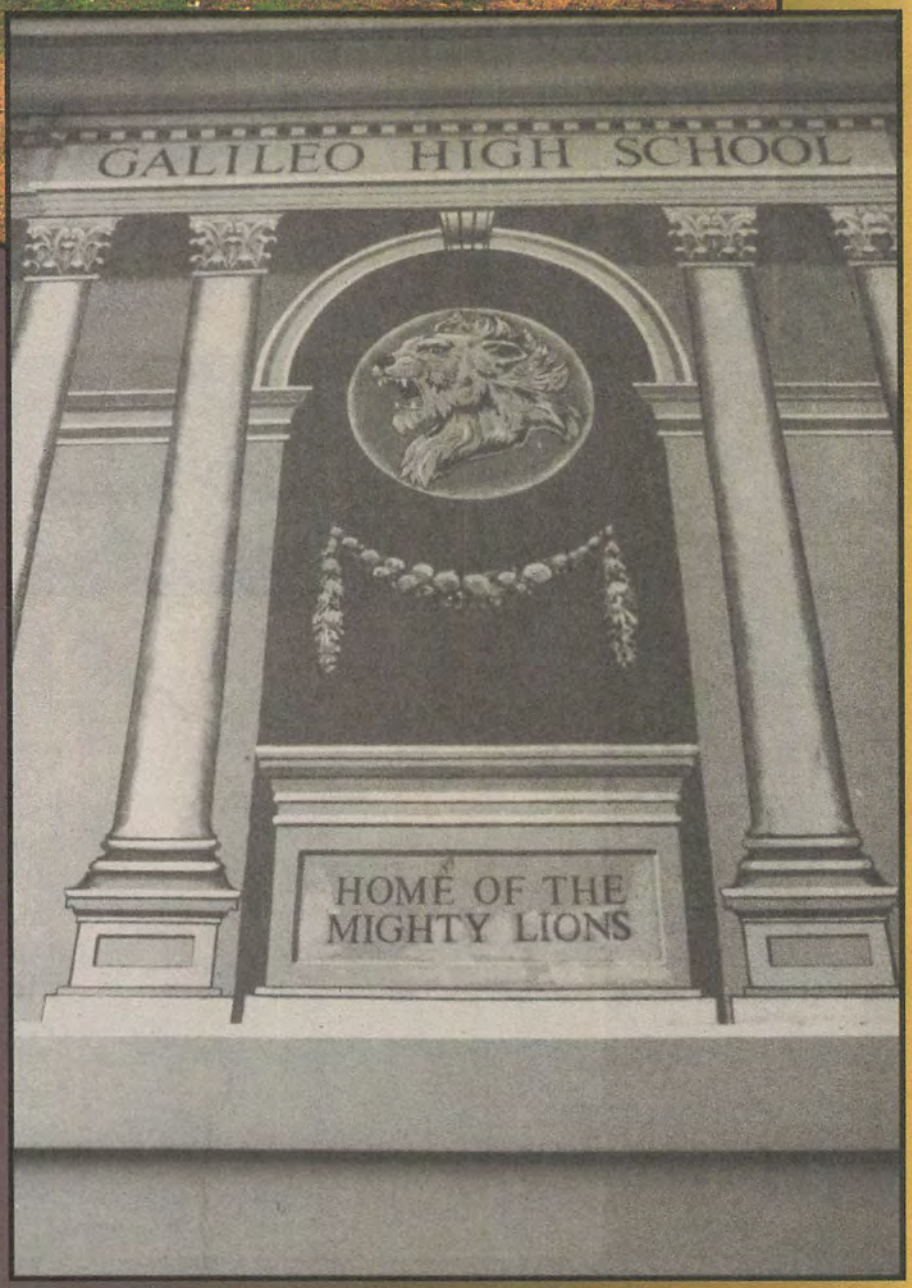
A Young O.J. Simpson began to hone his football skills on the playing field of the Galileo High School Lions. **Galileo High School** is located near the Marina District in San Francisco. Because of his size, **O.J.** began his high school career as a tackle but was switched to the fullback position to take advantage of his speed. The coaches definitely saw promise with the young fullback. **O.J.** went on to be selected as an All-City player.

O.J. and life long buddy and teammate **Al Cowlings** were the two biggest names to emerge from Galileo. They both went on to star at the University of Southern California as well as in the pros with the **Buffalo Bills**. Despite the presence of **Simpson** and **Cowlings, Galileo** never realized a championship while they were there.



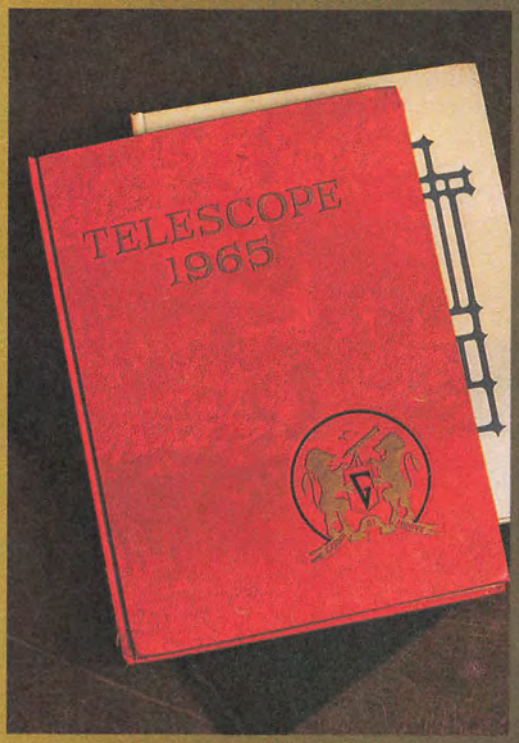
LOCATED NEAR "THE PROJECTS" OF SAN FRANCISCO, GALILEO HIGH SCHOOL'S PLAYING FIELD WAS SIMPSON'S TURF FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A SUPERSTAR.

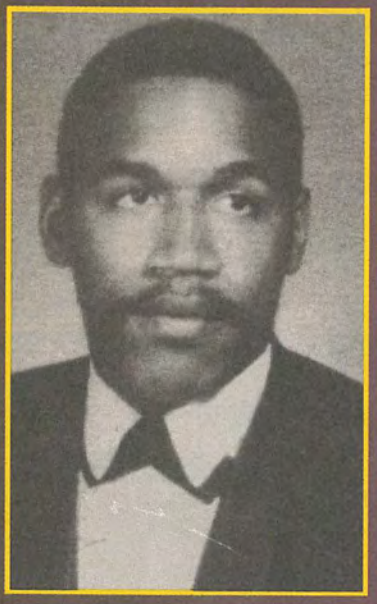




The goalposts and the memories still stand, as does the entrance to the High School where Orenthal Simpson got first recognition as someone with special talents on the athletic field.

GALILEO HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES





O.J. SIMPSON
Class picture, recognizing him as outstanding Varsity Football Player.

Allen Cowlings
Simpson's lifelong friend also graduated from Galileo H.S. with an outstanding football record.

Galileo's football team, with Simpson featured in back row, second from right (#28).

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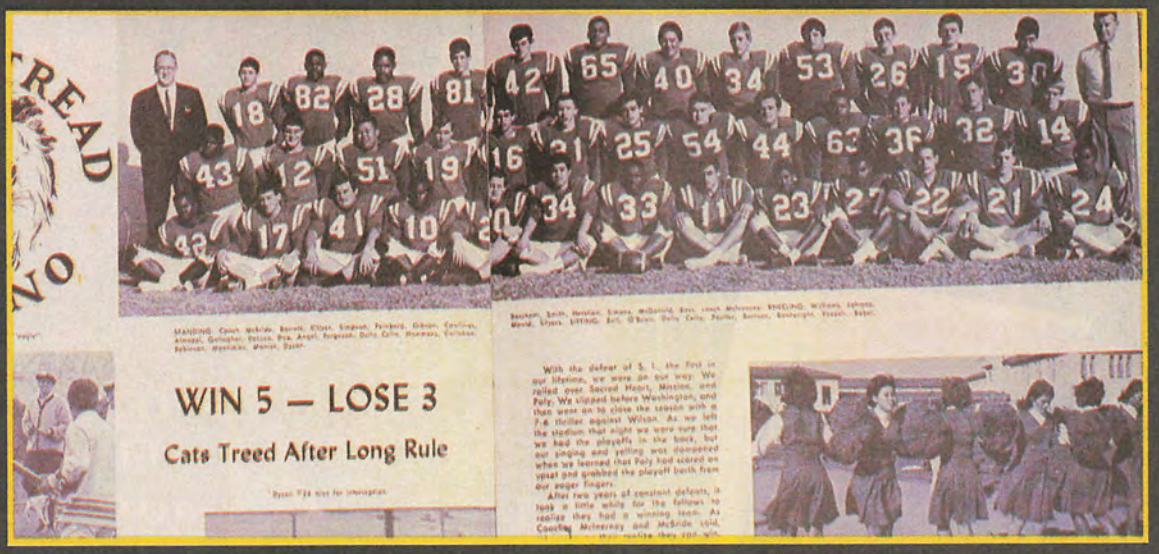

The Galileo Football team, as featured in the High School's Yearbook. Simpson is in back row (#28) and his friend Al Cowlings is three players to Simpson's left (#65).

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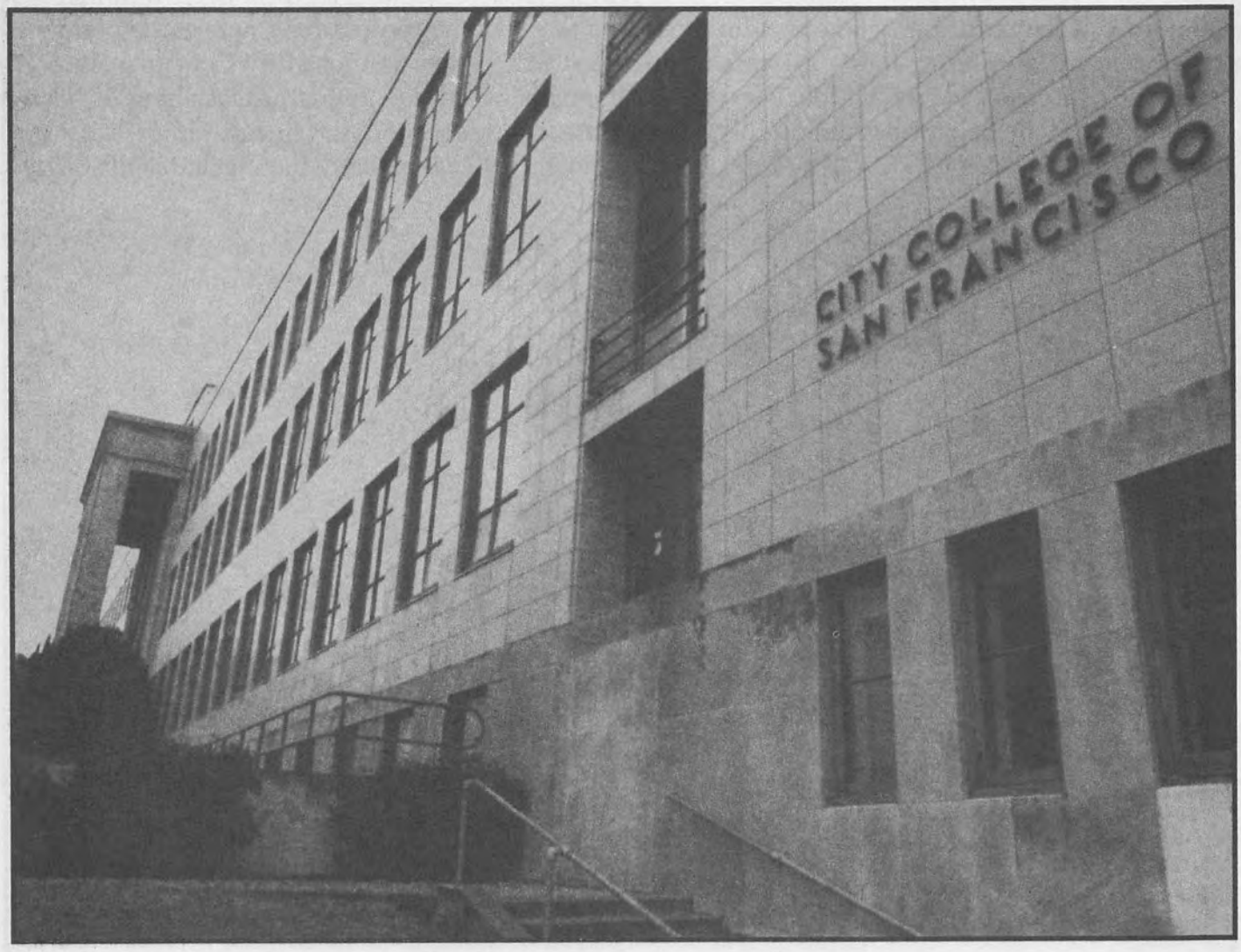
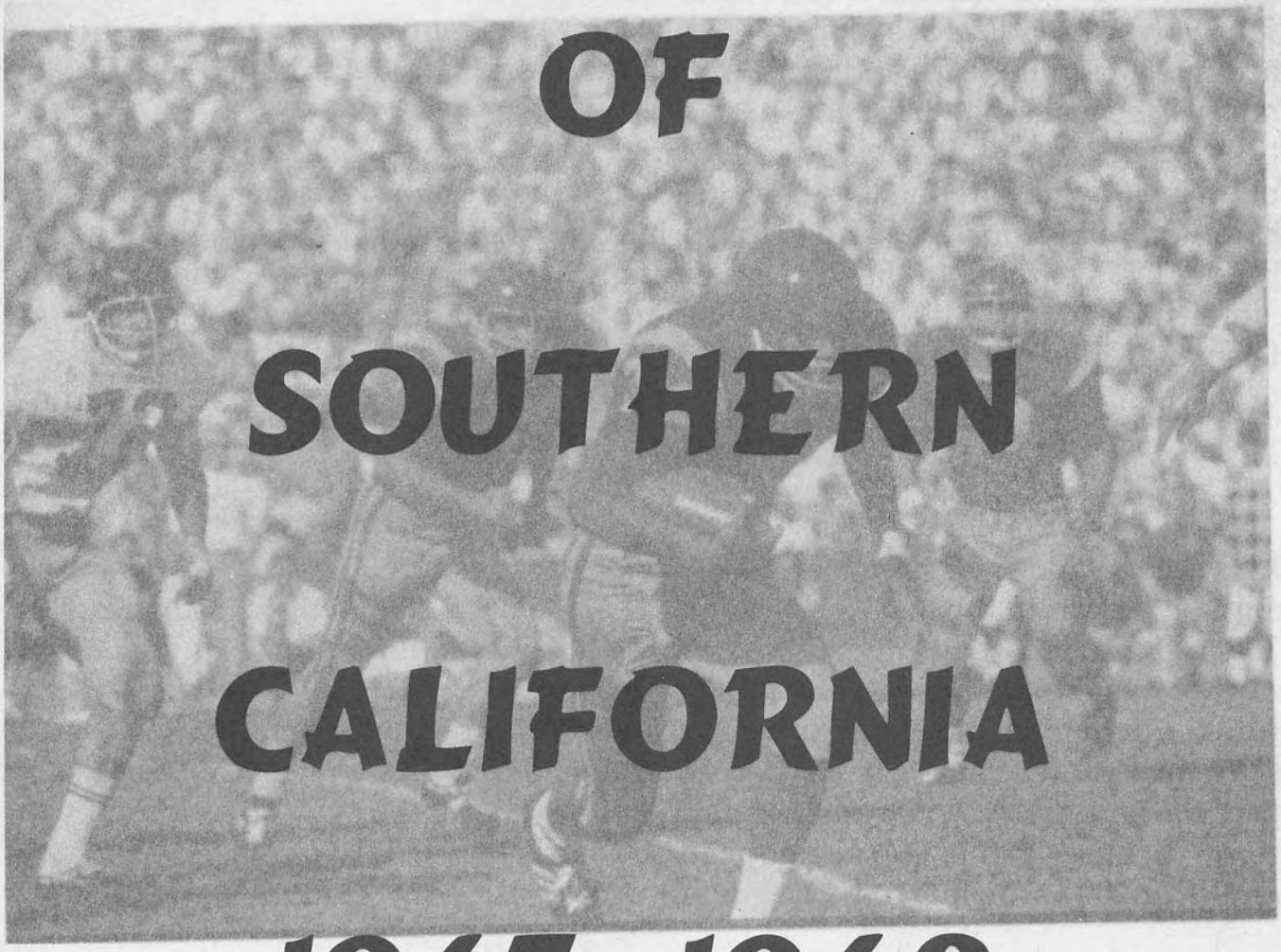


Preparation for bigger things to come...

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



1967-1968

1967 USC

In **O.J. Simpson's** first year at **USC** he more than lived up to the lofty expectations the college football world had for him. In the 10 games in which the **Juice** saw action he topped the 100 yard mark on 8 occasions including an unbelievable 235 yard performance versus Washington. Besides its usually tough Pacific 8 schedule the ***Trojans*** also had to face three of the top team in the nation - **Texas, Michigan State and Notre Dame. O.J.**, however, wasn't fazed. He ripped the ***Texas Longhorns*** for 158 yards and one score; the next week he took **Michigan State** apart with 190 yards and 2 TD's and two weeks later the ***Fighting Irish*** had their first encounter with the **Juice** and came out on the short end. **O.J.** romped for 150 yards and 3 TD's against the ***Irish.***

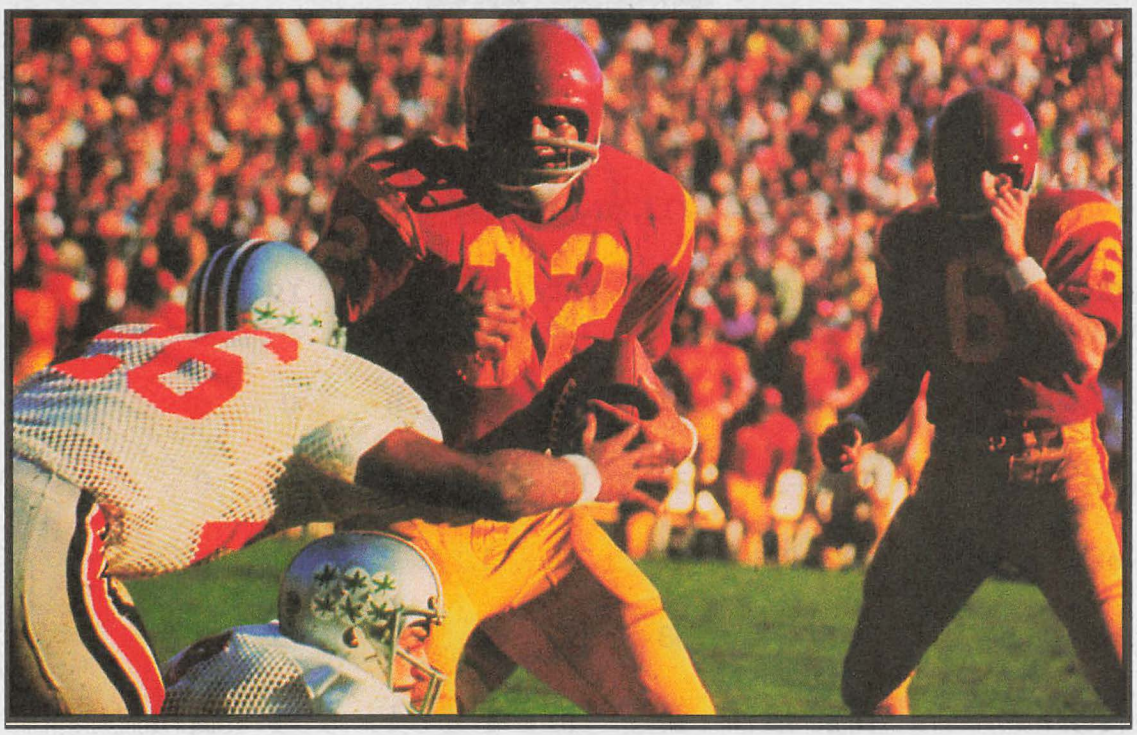
Following 9 wins and one loss **USC** headed to the **Rose Bowl** to face the Big 10 champ ***Indiana Hoosiers.*** **The Juice** sprinted for 128 yards scoring both of the ***Trojans'*** TD's enroute to the victory. Fittingly, **USC** was proclaimed the number one team in college football for the 1967 season. **Simpson** finished second in the Heisman trophy voting to cross-town rival **UCLA's** quarterback **Gary Beban**.

1968 USC

O.J.'s second and final season at **USC** was one that had people talking **Heisman** from the kickoff in the opener. Against the ***Minnesota Gophers*** **Simpson** amassed 236 yards and crossed the goal line 4 times. In fact, the **Juice** scored at least one TD in every game that season. **Coach John McKay** put the ball in **O.J.'s** hands even more times than he did the year before. Twice in 1968 **Simpson** accounted for 47 rushes in a game. Once when reports questioned McKay's strategy of Simpson carrying the ball so much he responded, "Why? It ain't that heavy". In addition to scoring in every game, **O.J.** also topped 100 yards in 9 of 11 contests. In fact, he went over 200 yards in 4 of those games!

Although **USC** won their initial 9 games they were thwarted in their bid for a second national championship. In the season's finale **Notre Dame** stopped the **Juice** (55 yards rushing, 1 TD) and tied the ***Trojans*** (21-21). A few weeks later USC fell to the eventual national champs the ***Ohio State Buckeyes*** in the **Rose Bowl.** Despite the loss **O.J.** didn't disappoint the hundred thousand or so in **Rose Bowl** attendance or the millions watching on TV. He galloped for 171 yards, contributed another 85 yards in pass receptions, and scored one TD.

The **Heisman in voting in 1968** was no contest. **O.J.**'s stellar performance made him a clear cut winner of the honor. **Next stop on the O.J. express...the NFL!**



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1967

O.J.'s Numbers

Game	Result	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Washington State	W 49-0	17	94	1	2	28	0
Texas	W 17-13	30	158	1	1	20	0
Michigan State	W 21-17	36	190	2	1	2	0
Stanford	W 30-0	29	160	0	2	52	0
Notre Dame	W 24-7	38	150	3	1	-2	0
Washington	W 23-6	30	235	2	0	0	0
Oregon	W 28-6	23	63	0	1	9	0
California	W 31-12	DID NOT PLAY					
Oregon State	L 3-0	33	188	0	2	0	0
UCLA	W 21-20	30	177	2	0	0	0
Season Totals		266	1415	11	10	109	0
ROSE BOWL							
Indiana	W 14-3	25	128	2	0	0	0

University of Southern California 1968

O.J.'s Numbers

Game	Result	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Minnesota	W 29-20	39	236	4	6	57	0
Northwestern	W 24-7	34	189	3	0	0	0
Miami	W 28-3	38	163	2	2	10	0
Stanford	W 27-24	47	220	3	1	0	0
Washington	W 14-7	33	172	2	0	0	0
Oregon	W 20-13	25	67	1	1	-4	0
California	W 35-17	31	164	2	0	0	0
Oregon State	W 17-13	47	238	1	2	12	0
UCLA	W 28-16	40	205	3	3	24	0
Notre Dame	T 21-21	21	55	1	3	23	0
Season Totals		355	1709	22	16	126	0
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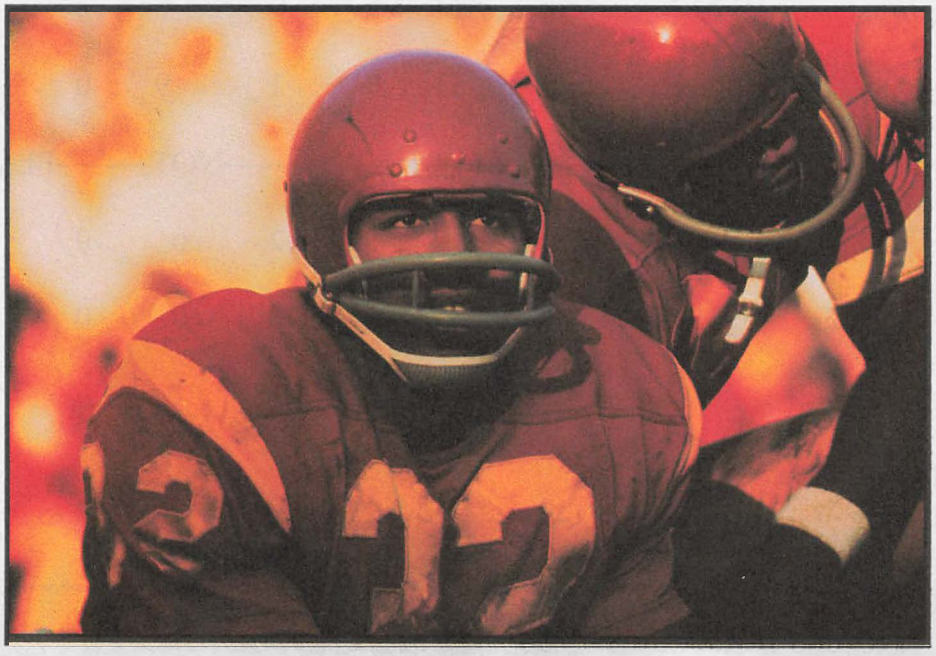
Ohio State	L 27-16	28	171	1	8	85	0
Year Totals		383	1880	23	26	211	0



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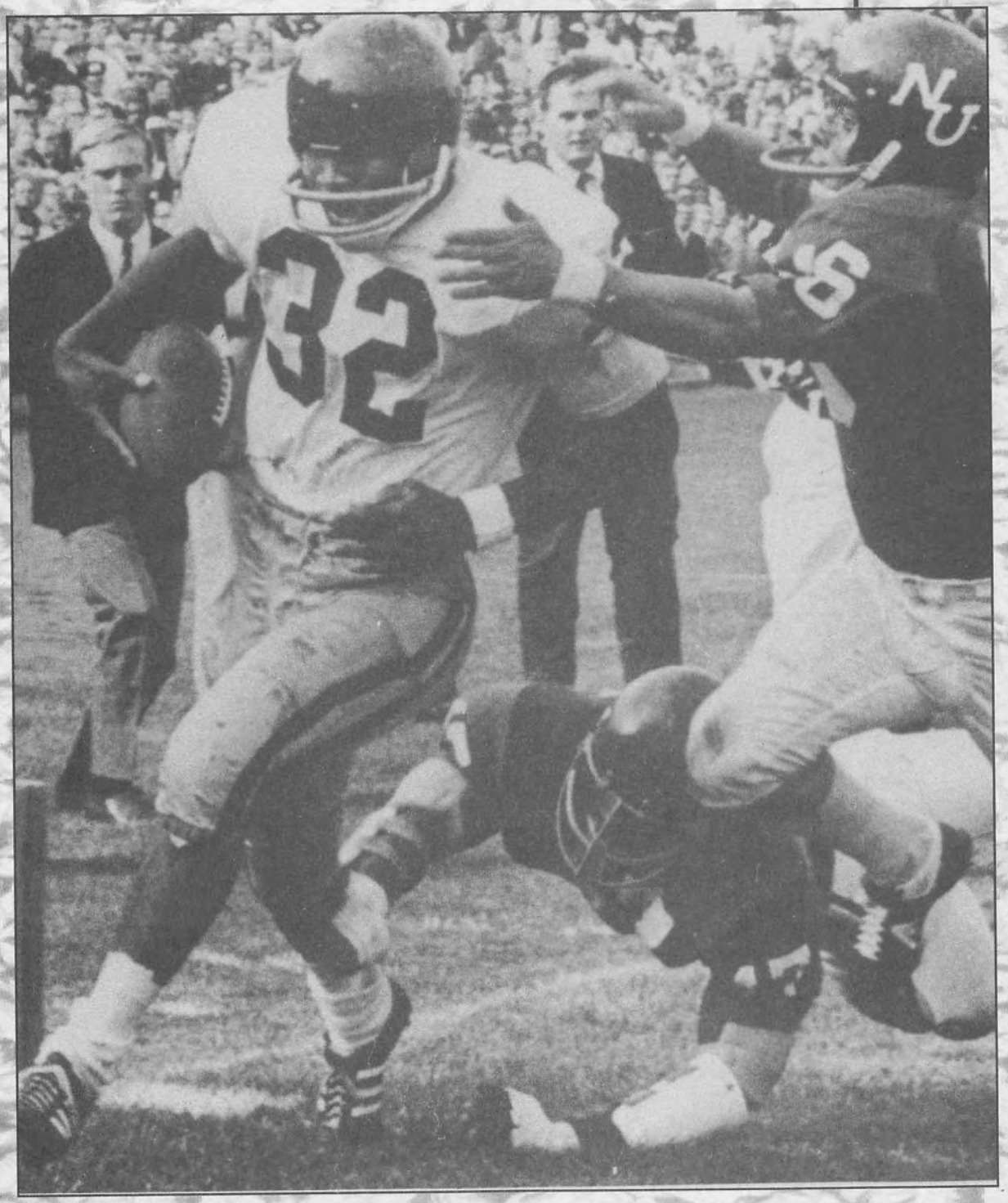

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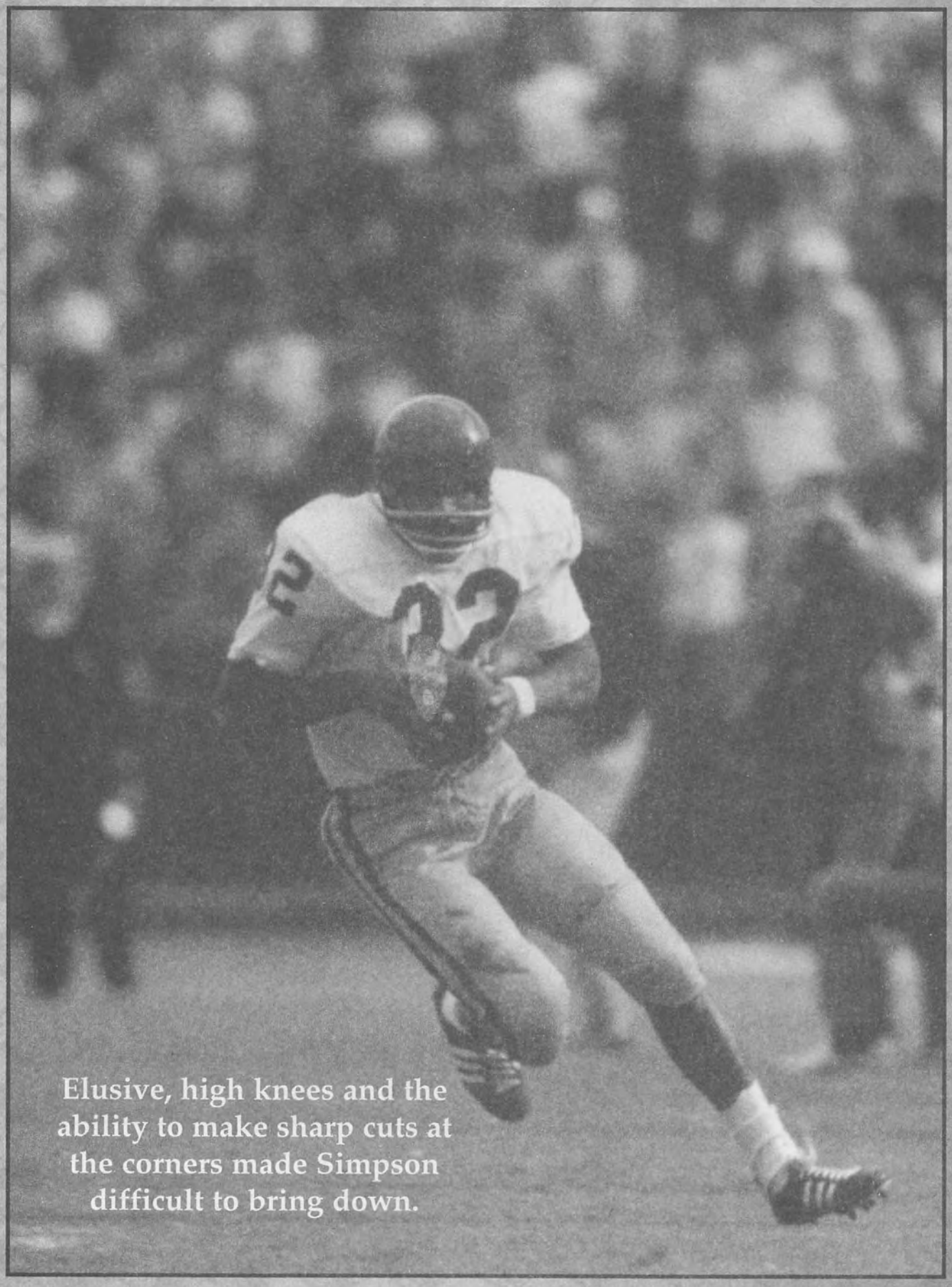

Elusive, high knees and the ability to make sharp cuts at the corners made Simpson difficult to bring down.

The Elusive OJ Goes For the Sweep

BUFFALO BILLS 1969 DRAFT

1. **O.J. Simpson, Running back, USC**
2. Bill Enyart, Running Back, Oregon State
3. Julian Nunamaker, Defensive End, Tennessee-Martin
4. Mike Richey, Tackle, North Carolina
5. Ben Mays, Defensive Tackle, Drake
6. Traded Pick to Denver
7. John Helton, Defensive End, Arizona State
8. Jim Harvey, Tackle, Virginia Tech
   James Harris, Quarterback, Grambling
9. Traded Pick to Boston
10. Ron Baines, Flanker, Montana
11. Bobby Hall, Running back, North Carolina State
12. Lloyd Pate, Running Back, Cincinnati
13. Leon Lovelace, Tackle, Texas Tech
14. Bubba Thornton, Flanker, TCU
15. Karl Wilson, Running Back, Olivet
16. Robert Kirk, Guard, Indiana
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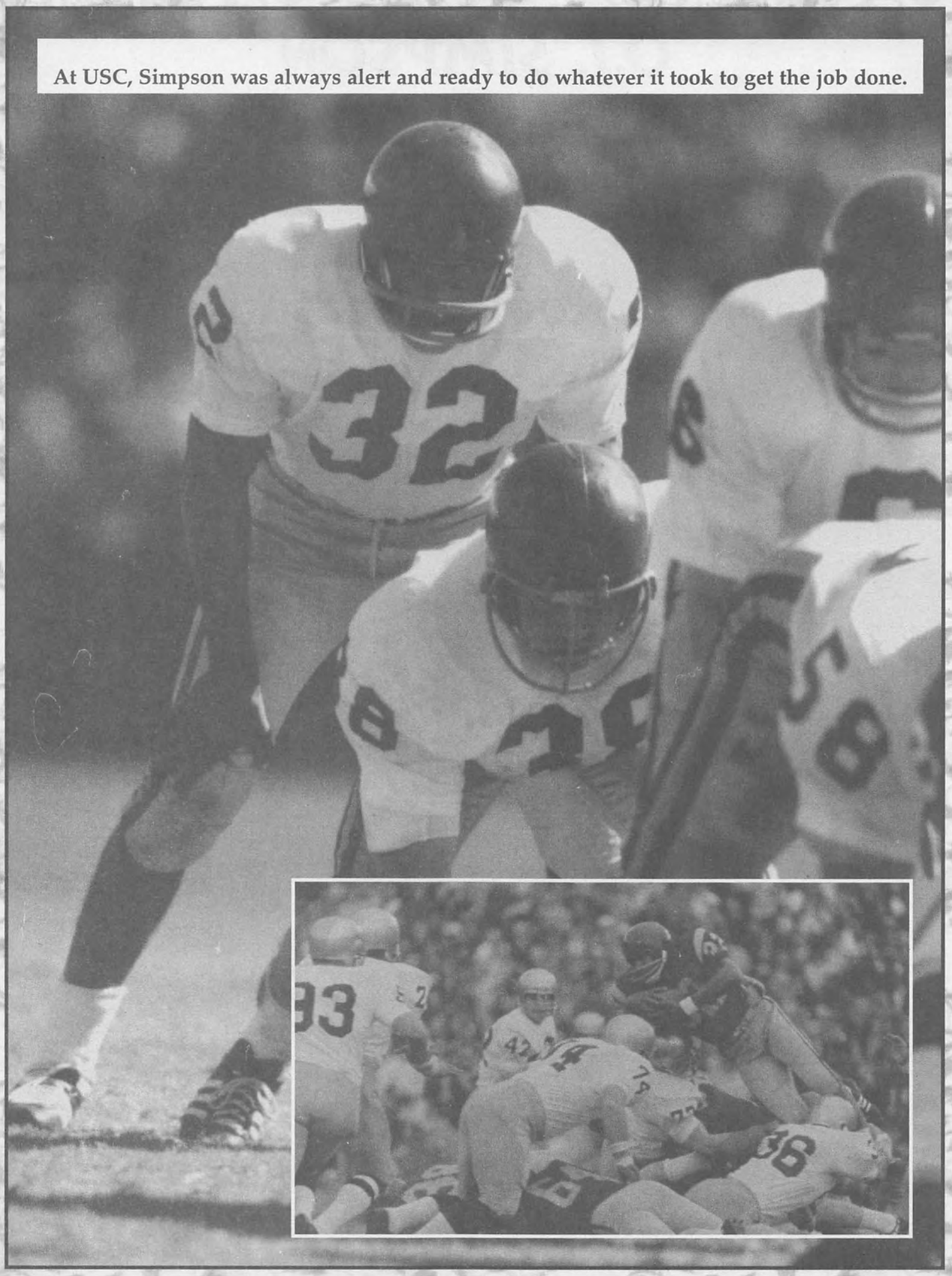
At USC, Simpson was always alert and ready to do whatever it took to get the job done.



O.J. SIMPSON
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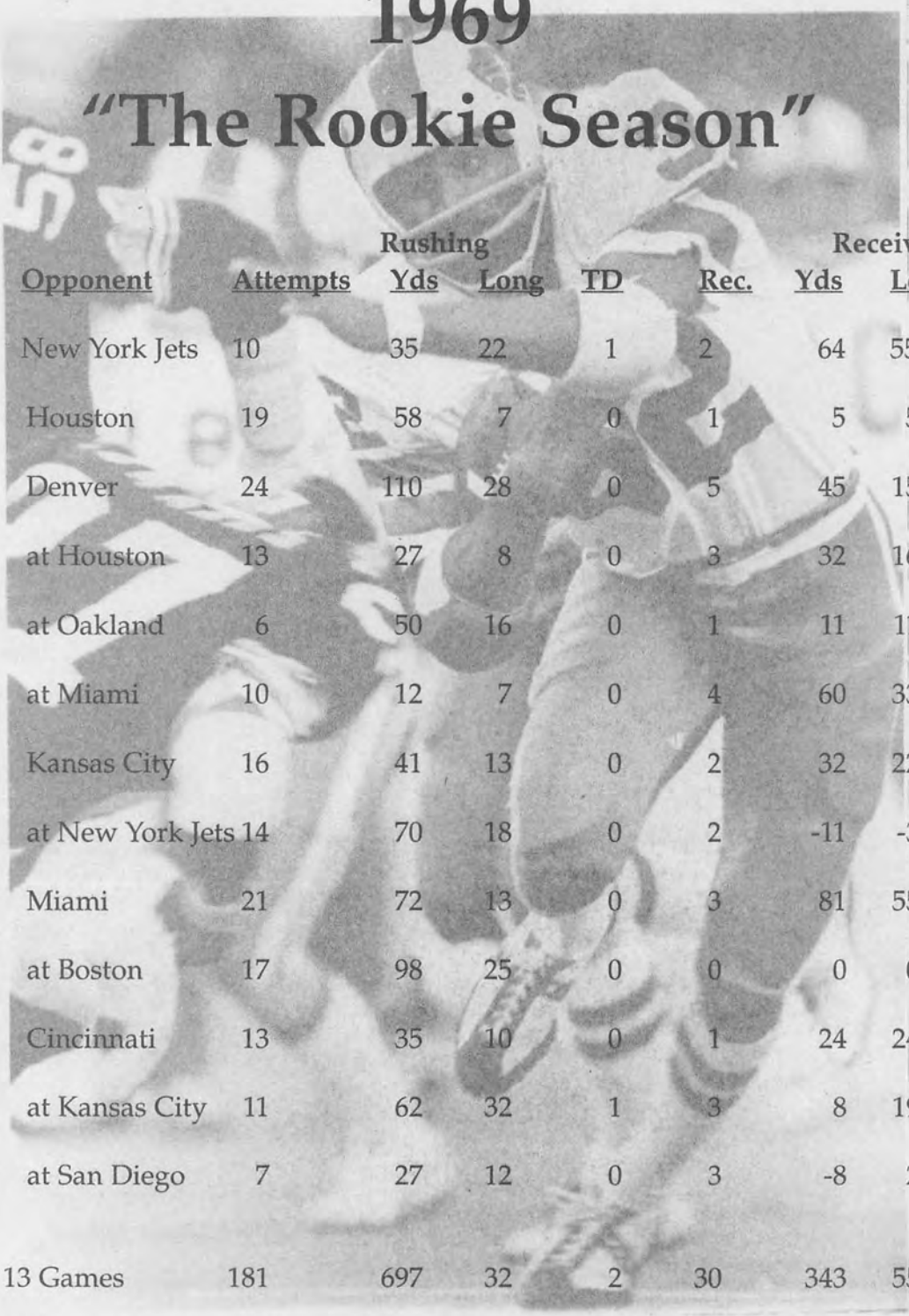
1969
"The Rookie Season"



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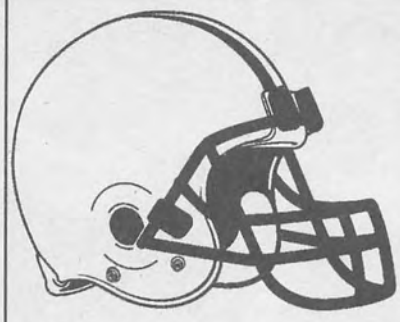
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 14	New York Jets	10	35	22	1	2	64	55	0
21	Houston	19	58	7	0	1	5	5	0
28	Denver	24	110	28	0	5	45	15	1
Oct. 5	at Houston	13	27	8	0	3	32	16	0
19	at Oakland	6	50	16	0	1	11	11	0
26	at Miami	10	12	7	0	4	60	33	0
Nov. 2	Kansas City	16	41	13	0	2	32	22	0
9	at New York Jets	14	70	18	0	2	-11	-3	0
16	Miami	21	72	13	0	3	81	55	2
23	at Boston	17	98	25	0	0	0	0	0
30	Cincinnati	13	35	10	0	1	24	24	0
Dec. 7	at Kansas City	11	62	32	1	3	8	19	0
14	at San Diego	7	27	12	0	3	-8	2	0
TOTAL	13 Games	181	697	32	2	30	343	55	3

Did Not Play Oct. 11th

The Dolphin defense managed to stop O.J. in this October 27, 1969 game. In the top photo, Nick Buoniconti (85) and Bill Stanfill (84) prepare to close in. In the bottom photo, a small part of O.J. sticks out from a pile of 460 pounds of linemen. Miami won the game, 24-6.



O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS

1970
"Cut Short By Injuries"

			Rushing				Receiving		
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 20	Denver	18	52	10	1	3	49	18	0
27	Los Angeles	14	24	18	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 4	New York Jets	21	99	40	1	3	63	36	0
11	at Pittsburgh	14	60	22	1	0	0	0	0
18	Miami	11	35	12	0	3	24	12	0
25	at New York Jets	15	55	15	0	1	3	3	0
Nov. 1	at Boston	17	123	56	1	0	0	0	0
8	Cincinnati	10	40	13	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**8 Games**	**120**	**488**	**56**	**5**	**10**	**139**	**36**	**0**

Injured Nov. 8th - Inactive Remainder of the Season

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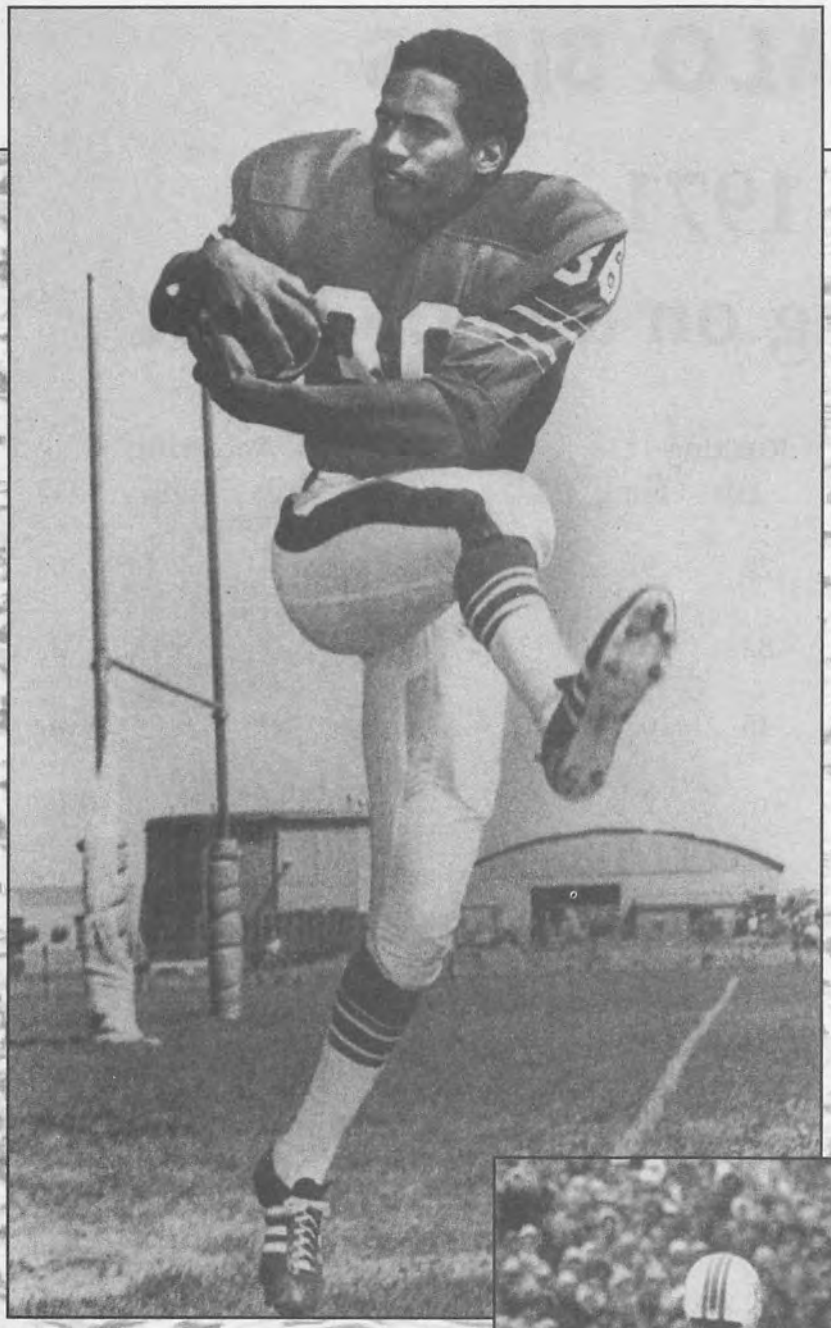

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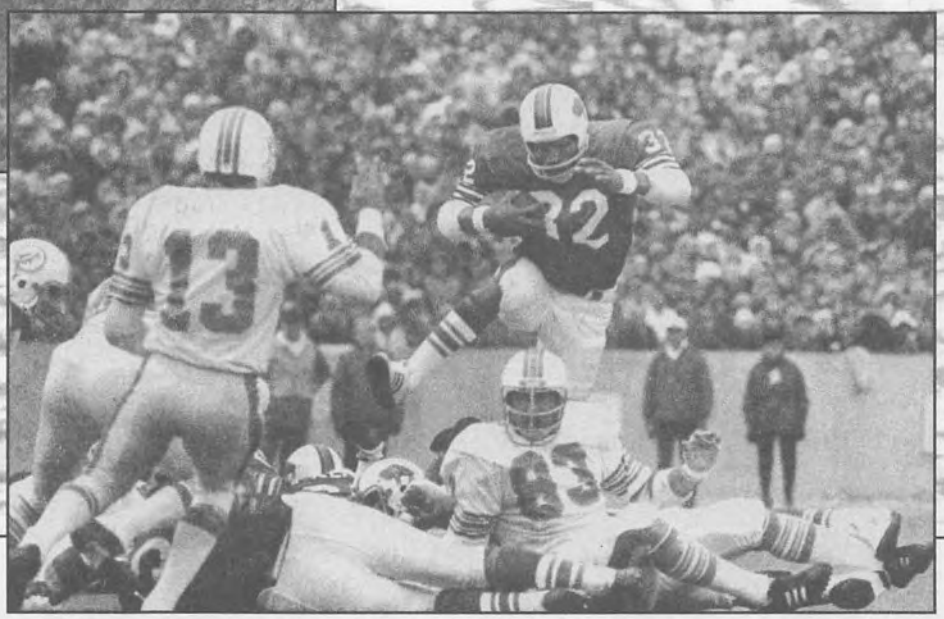
A LEAPING JUICE



O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS
1971
"Tough Going on a Poor Team"

		Rushing				Receiving			
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 19	Dallas	14	25	9	1	1	4	4	0
26	Miami	9	82	46	1	5	31	8	0
Oct. 3	at Minnesota	12	45	10	0	3	9	5	0
10	Baltimore	7	-10	2	0	2	14	11	0
17	at N. Y. Jets	18	69	29	1	0	0	0	0
23	at San Diego	18	106	28	0	0	0	0	0
31	St. Louis	16	42	8	0	2	42	38	0
Nov. 7	at Miami	10	90	24	0	1	9	9	0
14	at New England	16	61	10	0	0	0	0	0
21	New York Jets	14	48	16	0	0	0	0	0
28	New England	14	61	19	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 5	at Baltimore	9	26	13	0	5	26	15	0
12	Houston	12	29	7	1	1	14	14	0
19	at Kansas City	14	68	17	0	1	13	13	0
TOTAL	**14 Games**	**183**	**742**	**46**	**5**	**21**	**162**	**38**	**0**

Simpson on the Run

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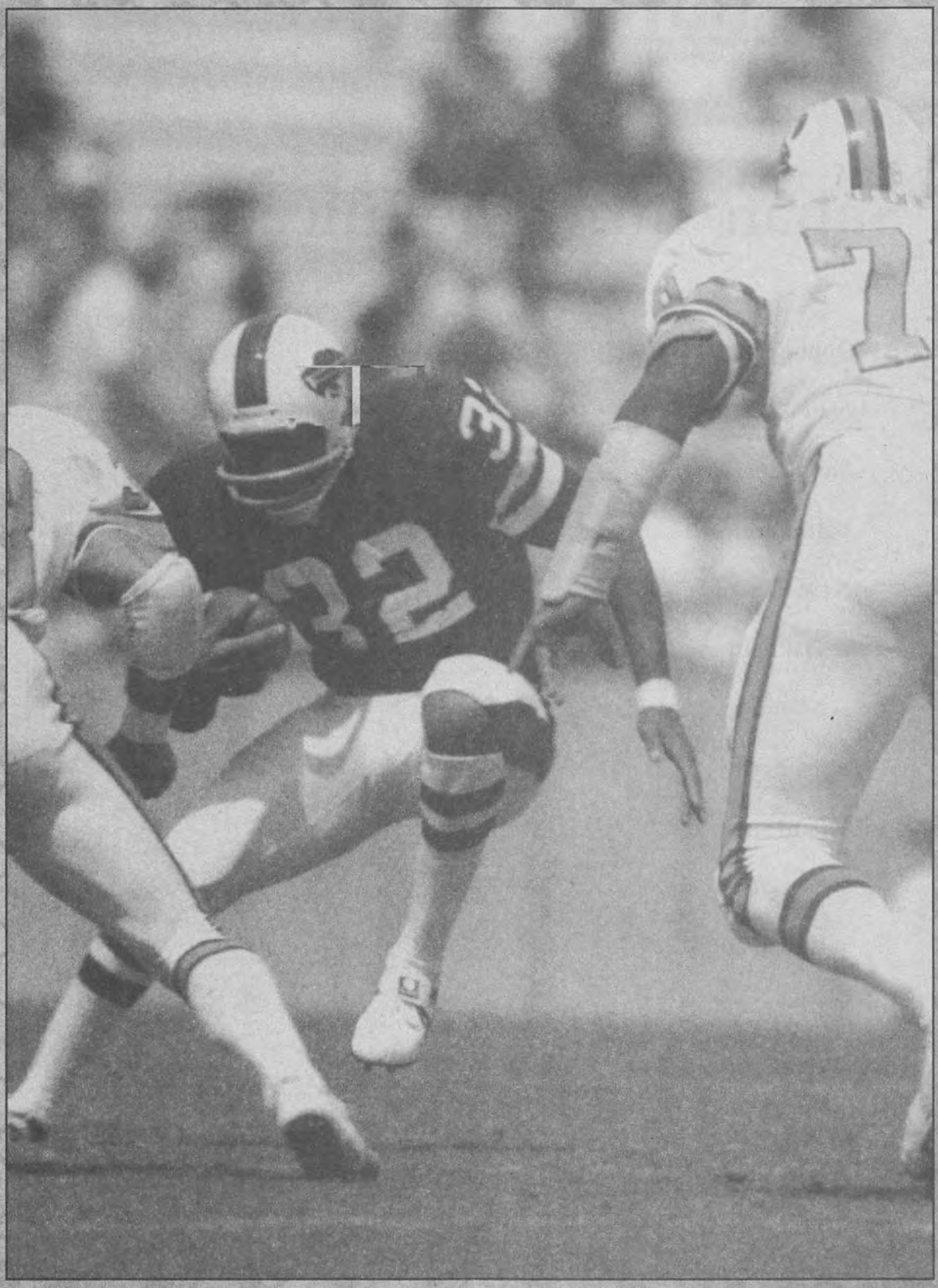
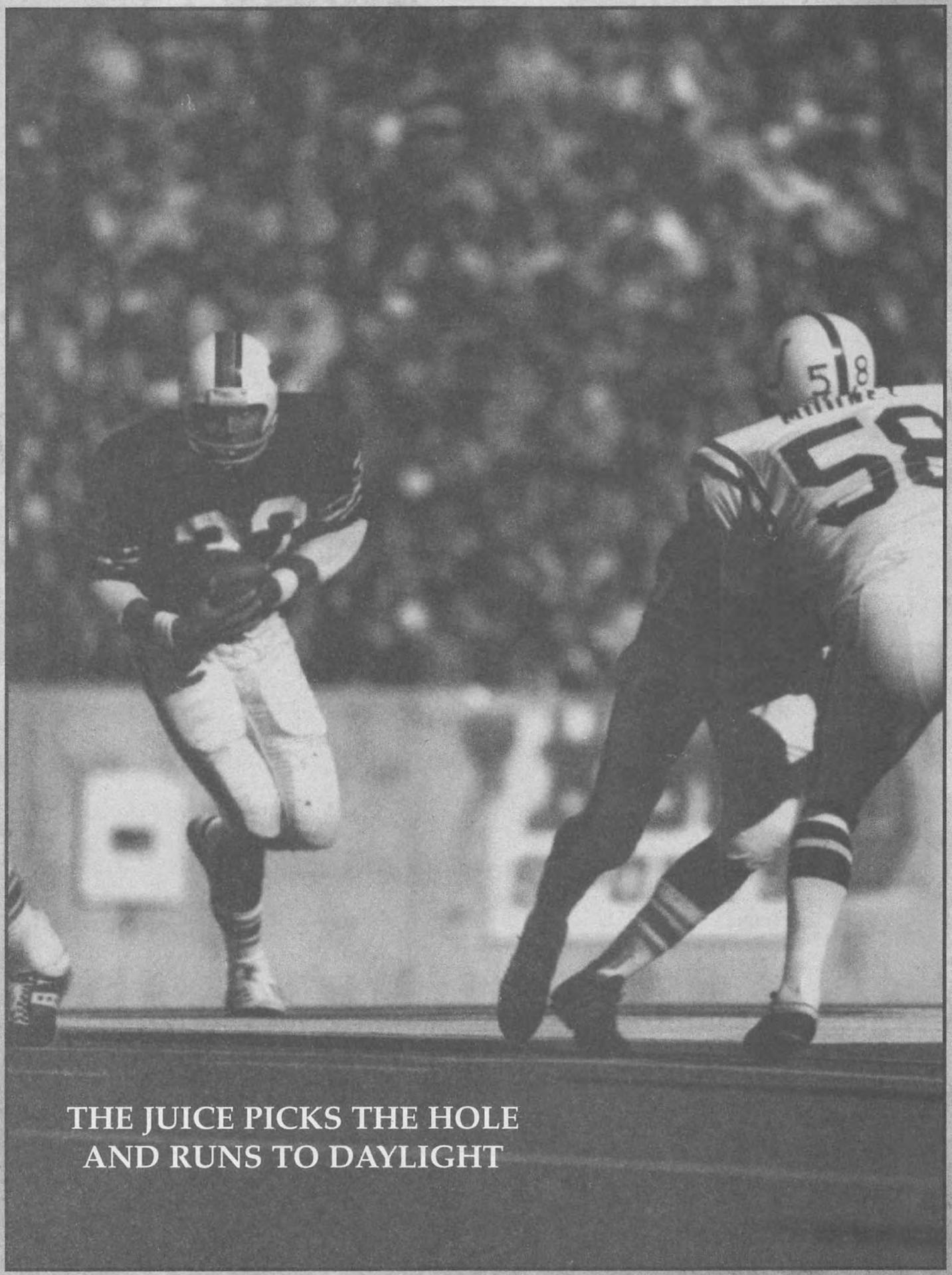


O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS

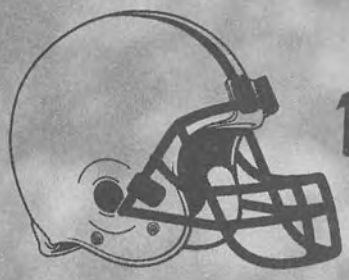
1972

"Saban Turns the Juice Loose"

			Rushing				Receiving		
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 17	New York Jets	14	41	11	0	2	10	11	0
24	San Francisco	29	138	33	0	2	20	25	0
Oct. 1	Baltimore	21	78	23	0	2	21	13	0
8	New England	13	31	11	0	0	0	0	0
15	at Oakland	28	144	14	0	2	9	5	0
22	at Miami	16	57	9	0	1	1	1	0
29	Pittsburgh	22	189	94	1	3	7	8	0
Nov. 5	Miami	13	45	20	0	3	20	8	0
12	at New York Jets	20	89	23	0	0	0	0	0
19	at New England	22	103	13	1	0	0	0	0
26	at Cleveland	27	93	22	1	2	25	20	0
Dec. 3	at Baltimore	14	26	6	1	6	62	25	0
10	Detroit	27	116	8	0	3	17	10	0
17	at Washington	26	101	21	1	1	6	6	0
TOTAL	14 Games	292	1,251	94	5	27	198	25	0



THE JUICE PICKS THE HOLE
AND RUNS TO DAYLIGHT

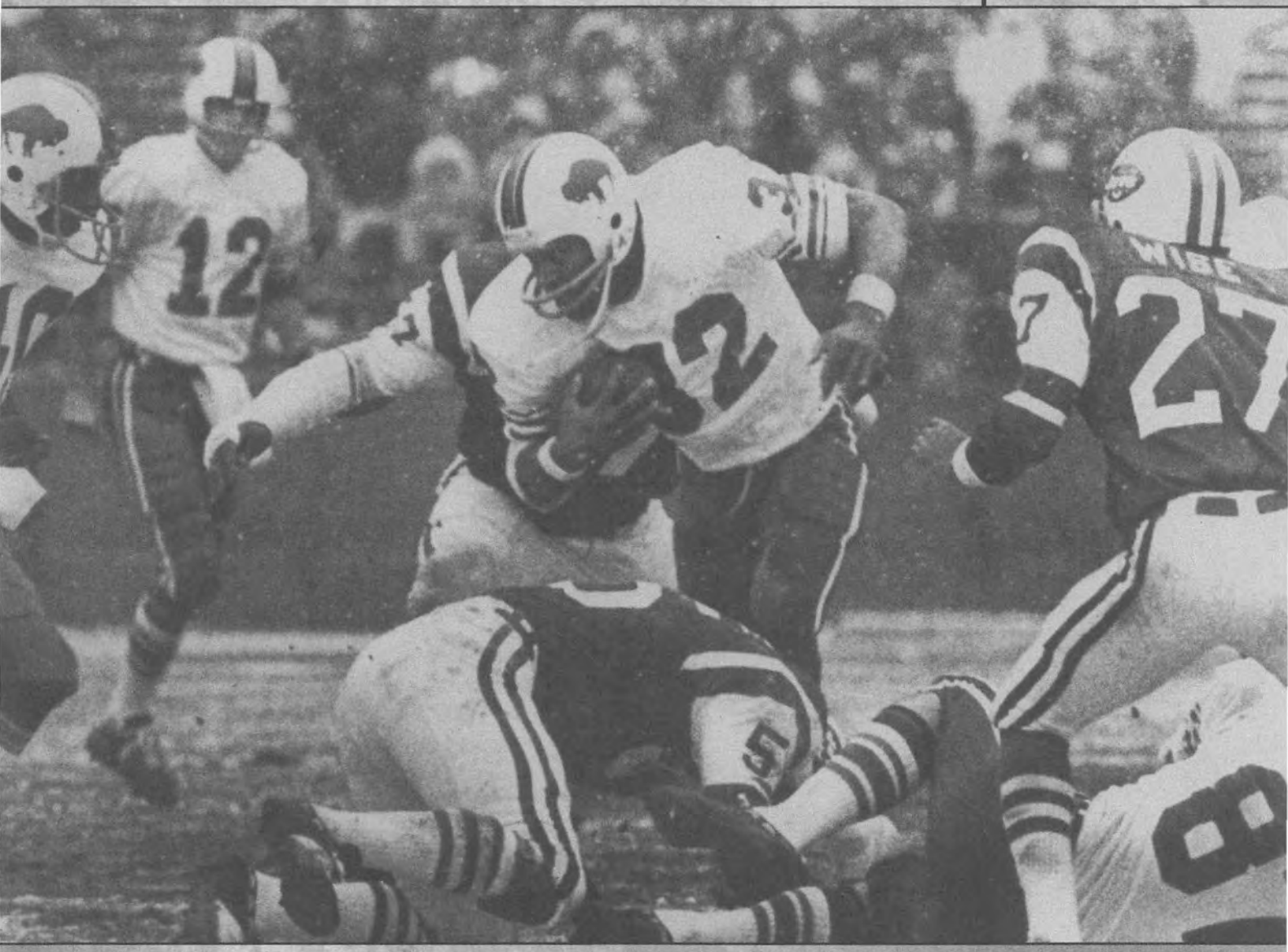


O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS
1973
"The Record Year"

			Rushing				Receiving		
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 16	at New England	29	250	80	2	0	0	0	0
23	at San Diego	22	103	19	1	0	0	0	0
30	New York Jets	24	123	18	0	2	15	11	0
Oct. 7	Philadelphia	27	171	29	1	3	33	24	0
14	Baltimore	22	166	78	2	0	0	0	0
21	at Miami	14	55	9	0	0	0	0	0
29	Kansas City	39	157	22	2	0	0	0	0
Nov. 4	at New Orleans	20	79	14	0	0	0	0	0
11	Cincinnati	20	99	32	1	0	0	0	0
18	Miami	20	120	28	0	1	22	22	0
25	at Baltimore	15	124	58	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 2	at Atlanta	24	137	32	0	0	0	0	0
9	New England	22	219	71	1	0	0	0	0
16	at New York Jets	34	200	30	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**14 Games**	**332**	**2,003**	**80**	**12**	**6**	**70**	**24**	**0**

Going for the Record 1973

BUFFALO



RUSHING TO NEW RECORDS IN THE SPORT

How O.J. Got the Record

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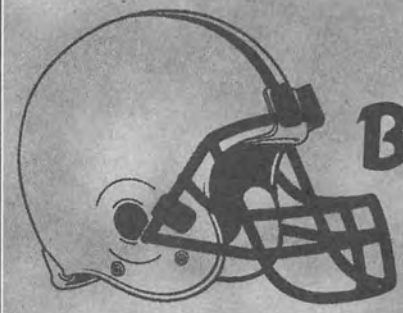

O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS
1974
"Defenses Key on O.J."

			Rushing				Receiving		
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 16	Oakland	12	78	20	0	0	0	0	0
22	Miami	15	63	25	0	0	0	0	0
29	New York Jets	31	117	11	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 6	at Green Bay	16	62	12	0	2	13	9	0
13	at Baltimore	23	127	35	0	1	8	8	0
20	New England	32	122	15	1	1	29	29	1
27	Chicago	17	62	11	0	1	28	28	0
Nov. 3	at New England	19	74	11	1	2	30	16	0
10	Houston	17	57	10	0	0	0	0	0
17	at Miami	14	60	18	0	3	35	15	0
24	at Cleveland	22	115	41	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 1	Baltimore	24	63	13	0	1	6	6	0
8	at New York Jets	15	48	8	0	2	19	13	0
15	at Los Angeles	13	73	22	0	2	21	14	0
TOTAL	14 Games	270	1,125	41	3	15	189	29	1

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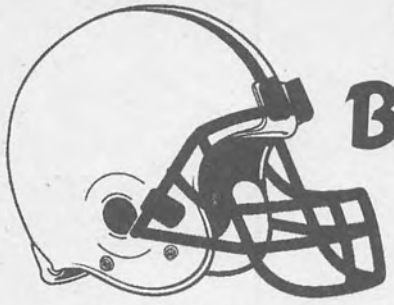
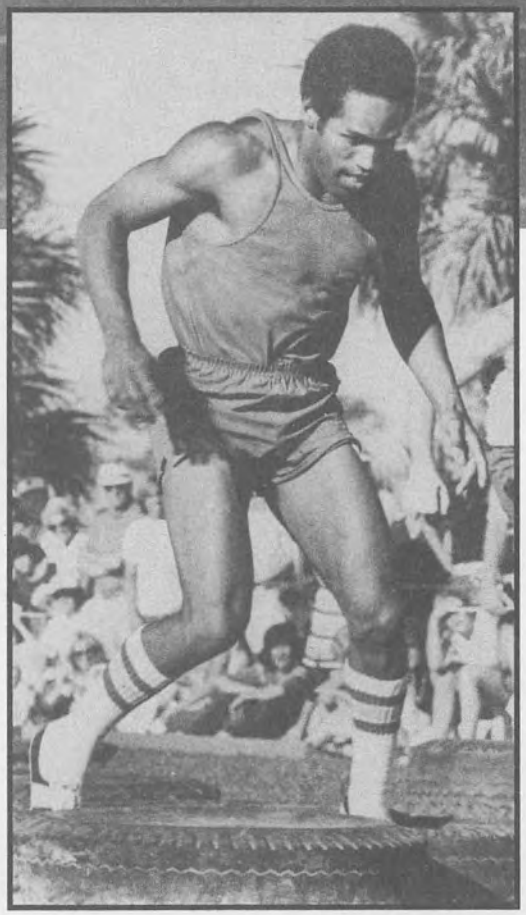
RUNNING FOR DAYLIGHT



O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS
1975
"A Scoring Machine"

			Rushing				Receiving		
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 21	New York Jets	32	173	20	2	1	5	5	0
28	at Pittsburgh	28	227	88	1	0	0	0	0
Oct. 5	Denver	26	138	22	1	0	0	0	0
12	at Baltimore	32	159	25	1	1	14	14	0
20	New York Giants	34	126	13	1	0	0	0	0
26	Miami	19	88	26	1	2	16	8	0
Nov. 2	at New York Jets	21	94	18	0	2	66	64	1
9	Baltimore	19	123	47	1	3	71	32	2
17	at Cincinnati	17	197	59	2	2	21	13	0
23	New England	27	69	14	2	4	22	11	2
27	at St. Louis	23	85	14	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 7	at Miami	18	96	16	1	8	117	62	1
14	at New England	21	185	63	1	2	28	20	0
20	Minnesota	12	57	24	1	3	66	64	1
TOTAL	14 Games	329	1,817	88	16	28	426	64	7

The Road to the NFL Record
is Lined With Sweat and
Hard Work in
1975-76



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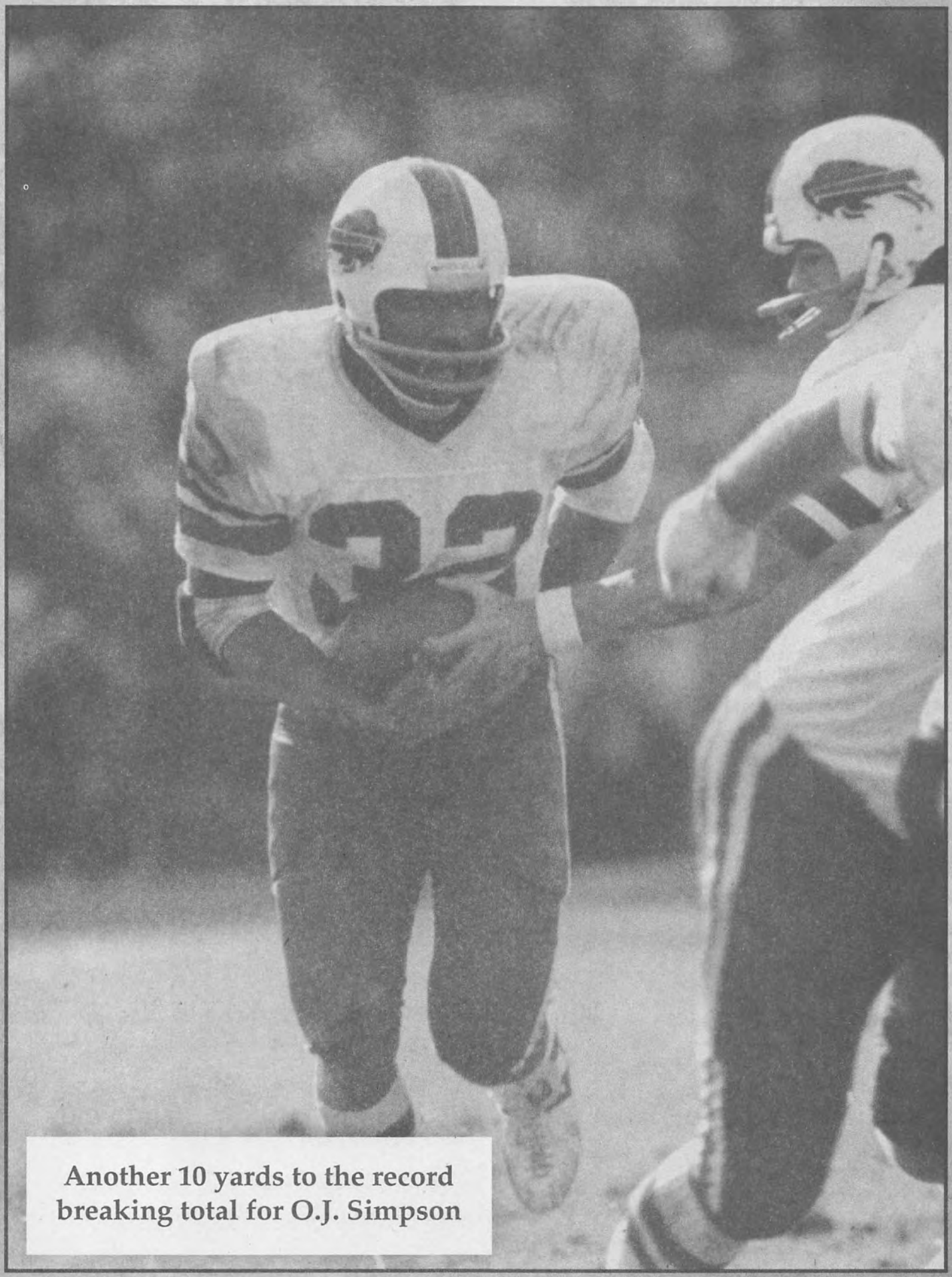
O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS

1976

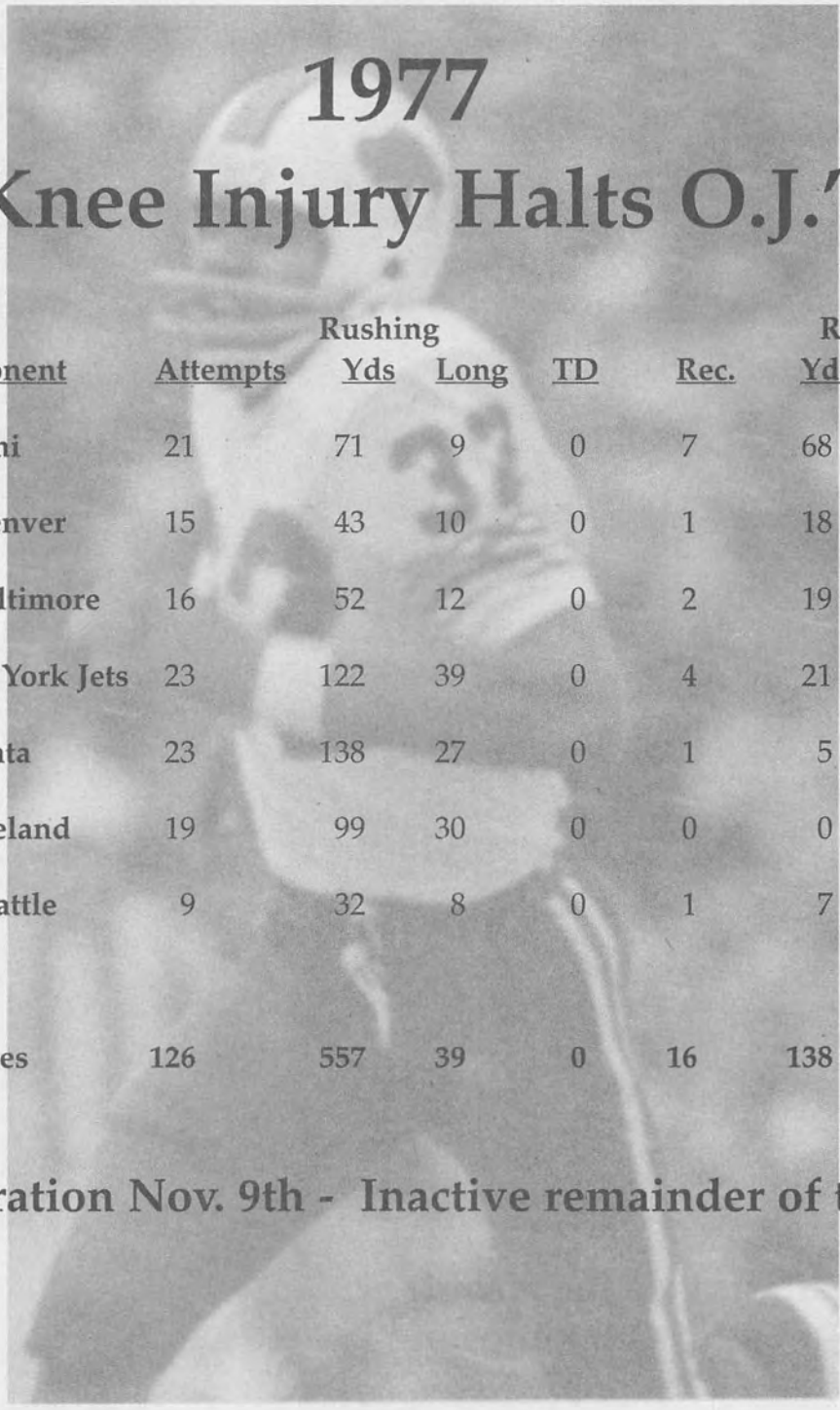
"A Slow Start, But a Fast Finish"

		Rushing				Receiving			
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 13	Miami	5	28	8	0	1	43	43	0
19	Houston	16	38	18	0	3	25	9	0
26	at Tampa Bay	20	39	13	0	2	19	11	0
Oct. 3	Kansas City	24	130	49	2	1	8	8	0
10	at New York Jets	15	53	11	0	5	39	11	0
17	Baltimore	20	88	16	0	2	56	33	1
24	New England	25	110	32	2	1	9	9	0
31	New York Jets	29	166	40	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 7	at New England	6	8	7	0	0	0	0	0
15	at Dallas	24	78	9	0	2	10	10	0
21	San Diego	25	118	16	0	2	20	11	0
25	at Detroit	29	273	48	2	0	0	0	0
Dec. 5	at Miami	24	203	75	1	2	12	12	0
12	at Baltimore	28	171	44	1	1	18	18	0
TOTAL	14 Games	290	1,503	75	8	22	259	43	1



Another 10 yards to the record breaking total for O.J. Simpson

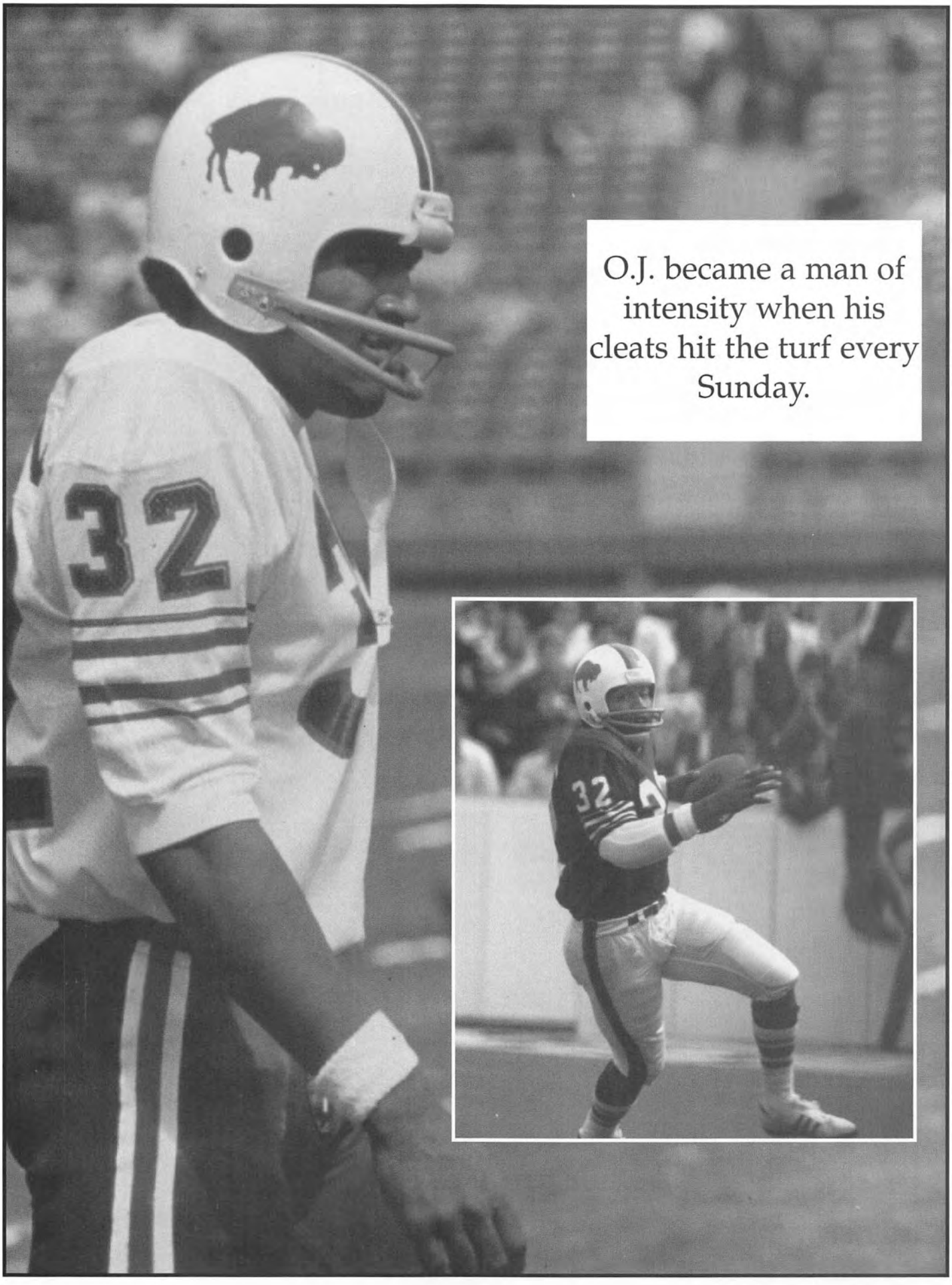
O.J. SIMPSON
BUFFALO BILLS



1977
"Knee Injury Halts O.J."

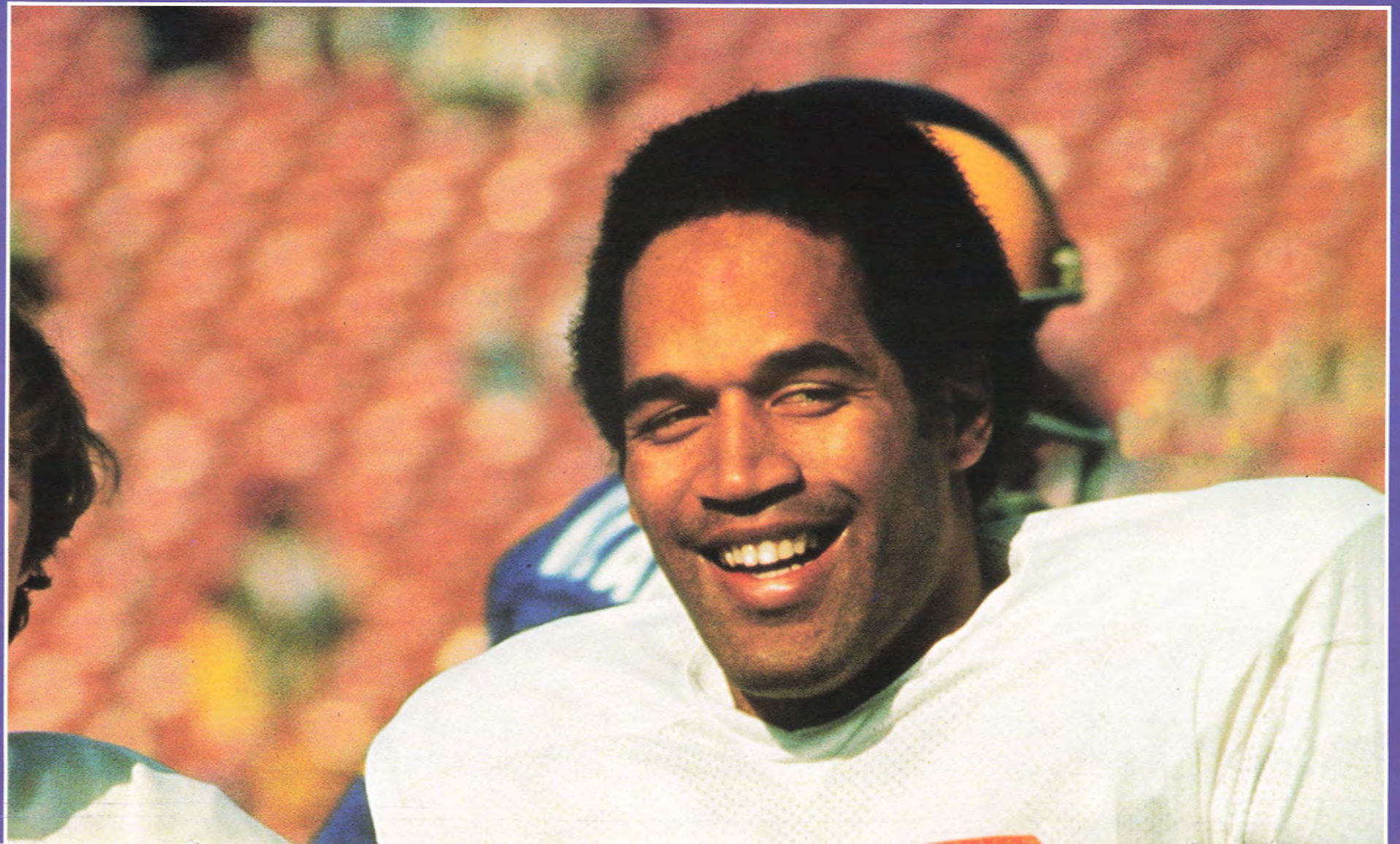
		Rushing				Receiving			
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 18	Miami	21	71	9	0	7	68	12	0
25	at Denver	15	43	10	0	1	18	18	0
Oct. 2	at Baltimore	16	52	12	0	2	19	10	0
9	New York Jets	23	122	39	0	4	21	9	0
16	Atlanta	23	138	27	0	1	5	5	0
23	Cleveland	19	99	30	0	0	0	0	0
30	at Seattle	9	32	8	0	1	7	7	0
TOTAL 7 Games		126	557	39	0	16	138	18	0

Knee operation Nov. 9th - Inactive remainder of the year



O.J. became a man of intensity when his cleats hit the turf every Sunday.

O.J. SIMPSON



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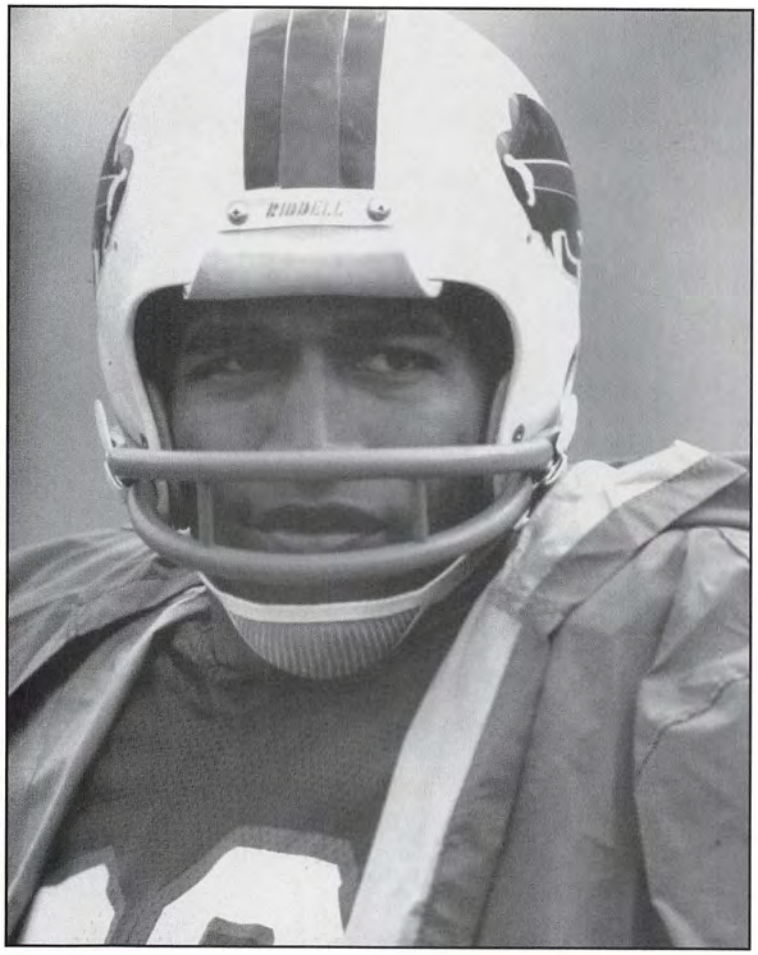

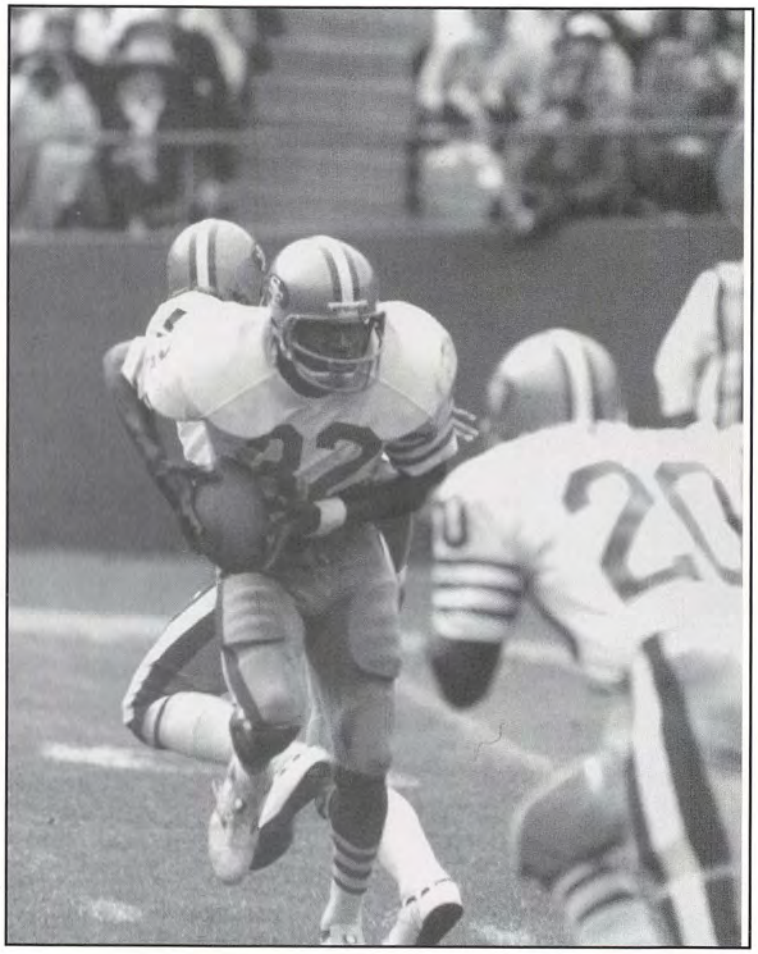

THE "TRADE"

In 1978 the Buffalo Bills traded O.J. Simpson to the San Francisco 49ers for five draft choices. The following are the draft choices the Bills received and the players taken with the picks.

No. 2 Choice in the 1978 draft - Scott Hutchinson/Defensive End

No. 3 Choice in the 1978 draft - Danny Fulton/Wide Receiver

No. 1 Choice in the 1979 draft - Tom Cousineau/Linebacker

No. 4 Choice in the 1979 draft - Ken Johnson/Defensive End

No. 2 Choice in the 1980 draft - Joe Cribbs/Running Back

Vince Tringali and O.J. Simpson appear together in a 1981 conference.

The man responsible for recruiting Simpson to the University of Southern California was Vince Tringali, football coach at St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco. The efforts were to be more than fruitful for the University, as statistics of his college career will attest.

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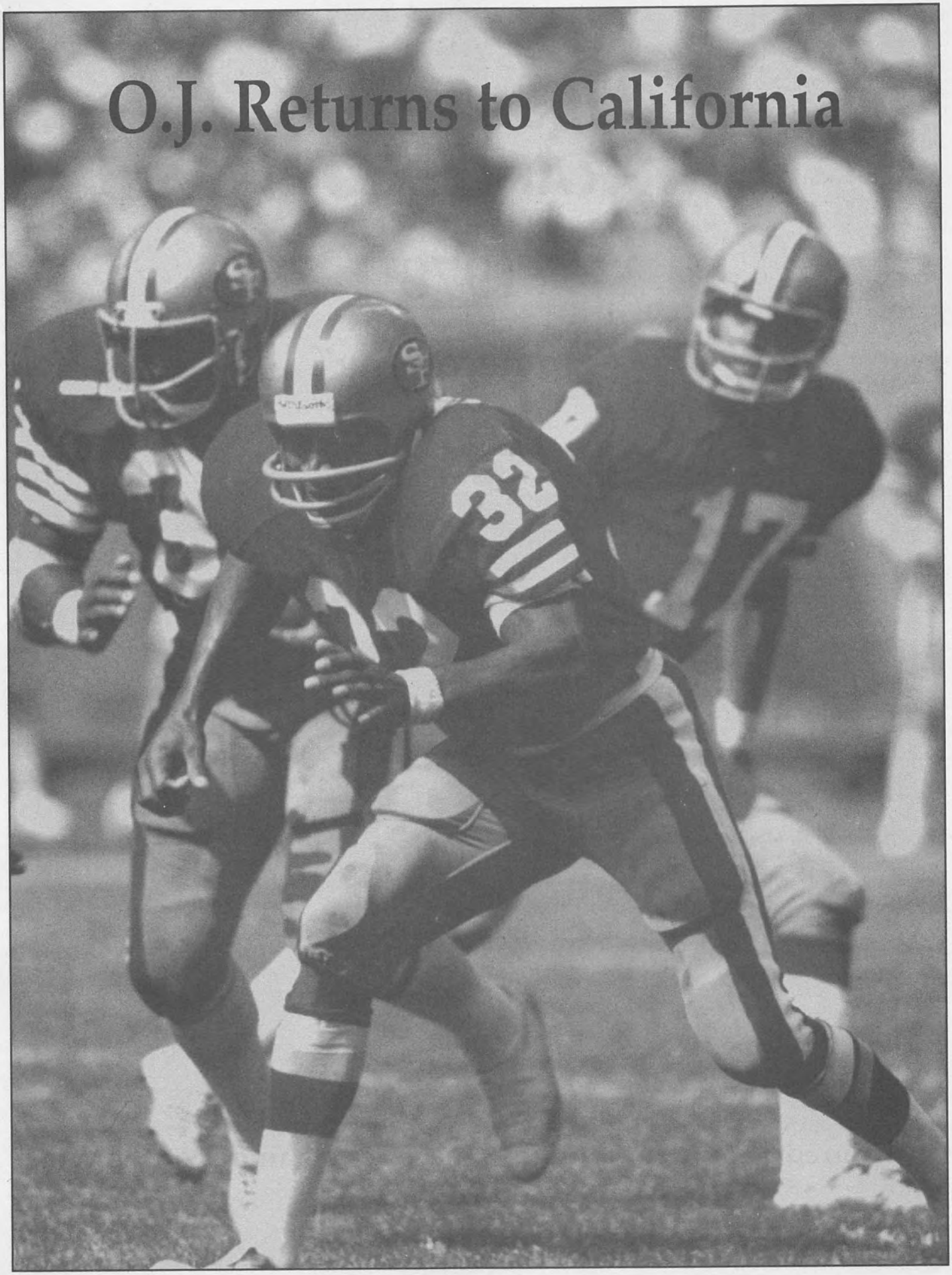
Not Just Football!

O.J. Simpson, USC's All-American football star was also on a championship relay team for the university. In the photo above O.J. crosses the line in the 100 meter trials in 10.3 seconds. The pictured meet was held at Edwards Stadium, University of California, in 1968. On the far right is San Jose State's Sam Davis and Willie Turner (OSU) is pictured in the middle. (AP photo)

O.J. Returns to California



O.J. SIMPSON
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1978

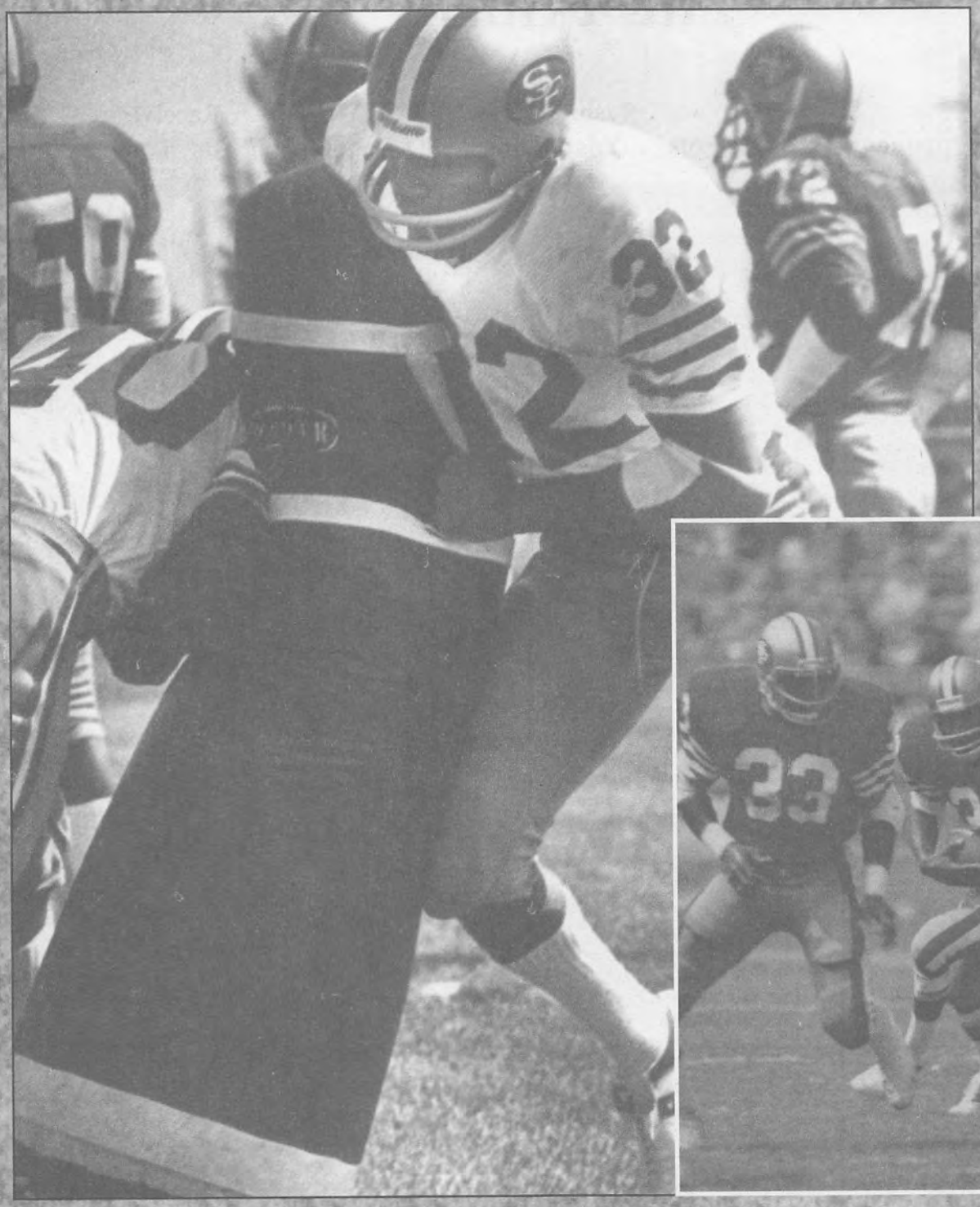
"Homecoming"

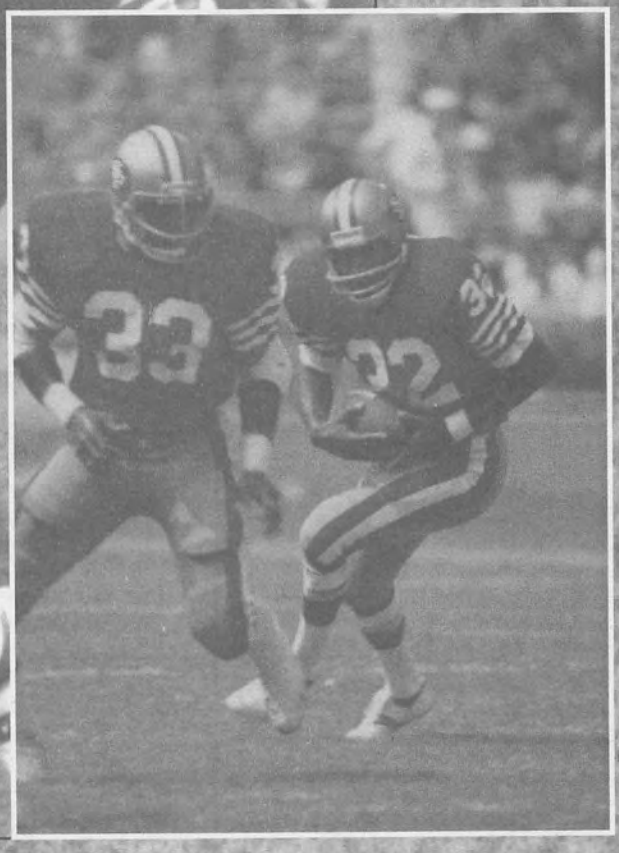
		Rushing				Receiving			
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 3	at Cleveland	22	78	18	0	3	20	8	0
10	Chicago	27	108	20	0	5	56	19	1
17	at Houston	7	7	5	0	3	28	14	0
24	at New York Giants	20	88	13	0	1	6	6	0
Oct. 1	Cincinnati	10	35	11	0	1	9	9	1
8	at Los Angeles	20	83	15	0	4	30	19	0
15	New Orleans	17	37	9	0	2	6	7	0
22	Atlanta	18	96	34	1	0	0	0	0
29	at Washington	15	46	7	0	2	17	9	0
Nov. 5	at Atlanta	5	15	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10 Games	161	593	34	1	21	172	19	2

Injured Shoulder Nov. 5th - Inactive remainder of the year

From the Practice Field to the Sunday Thriller, O.J. Entertains the San Francisco Fans

49ers





O.J. SIMPSON
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1979

"The Finale"

		Rushing				Receiving			
Date	Opponent	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
Sept. 9	Dallas	14	43	7	1	2	4	9	0
16	at Los Angeles	18	73	15	0	0	0	0	0
23	New Orleans	7	25	10	0	1	12	12	0
30	at San Diego	16	89	22	1	0	0	0	0
Oct. 7	Seattle	15	71	10	1	2	9	5	0
14	at New York Giants	12	24	10	0	0	0	0	0
21	Atlanta	10	21	14	0	0	0	0	0
28	Chicago	9	29	8	0	1	14	14	0
Nov.4	at Oakland	3	8	6	0	0	0	0	0
25	Los Angeles	5	30	15	0	1	7	7	0
Dec. 2	at St. Louis	3	9	5	0	0	0	0	0
9	Tampa Bay	6	26	17	0	0	0	0	0
16	at Atlanta	2	12	10	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	13 Games	120	460	22	3	7	46	14	0

Inactive Sept. 2nd
Did not play Nov. 11th and 18th

CAREER SUMMARY

O.J. SIMPSON

BUFFALO BILLS – SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1969 - 1979

		Rushing				Receiving			
Year	Team	Attempts	Yds	Long	TD	Rec.	Yds	Long	TD
1969	Buffalo	181	697	32	2	30	343	55	3
1970	Buffalo	120	488	56	5	10	139	36	0
1971	Buffalo	183	742	46	5	21	162	38	0
1972	Buffalo	292	1,251	94	6	27	198	25	0
1973	Buffalo	332	2,003	80	12	6	70	24	0
1974	Buffalo	270	1,125	41	3	15	189	29	1
1975	Buffalo	329	1,817	88	16	28	426	64	7
1976	Buffalo	290	1,503	75	8	22	259	43	1
1977	Buffalo	126	557	39	0	16	138	18	0
1978	San Francisco	161	593	34	1	21	172	19	2
1979	San Francisco	120	460	22	3	7	46	14	0
Career Totals		**2,404**	**11,236**	**94**	**61**	**203**	**1,152**	**64**	**14**

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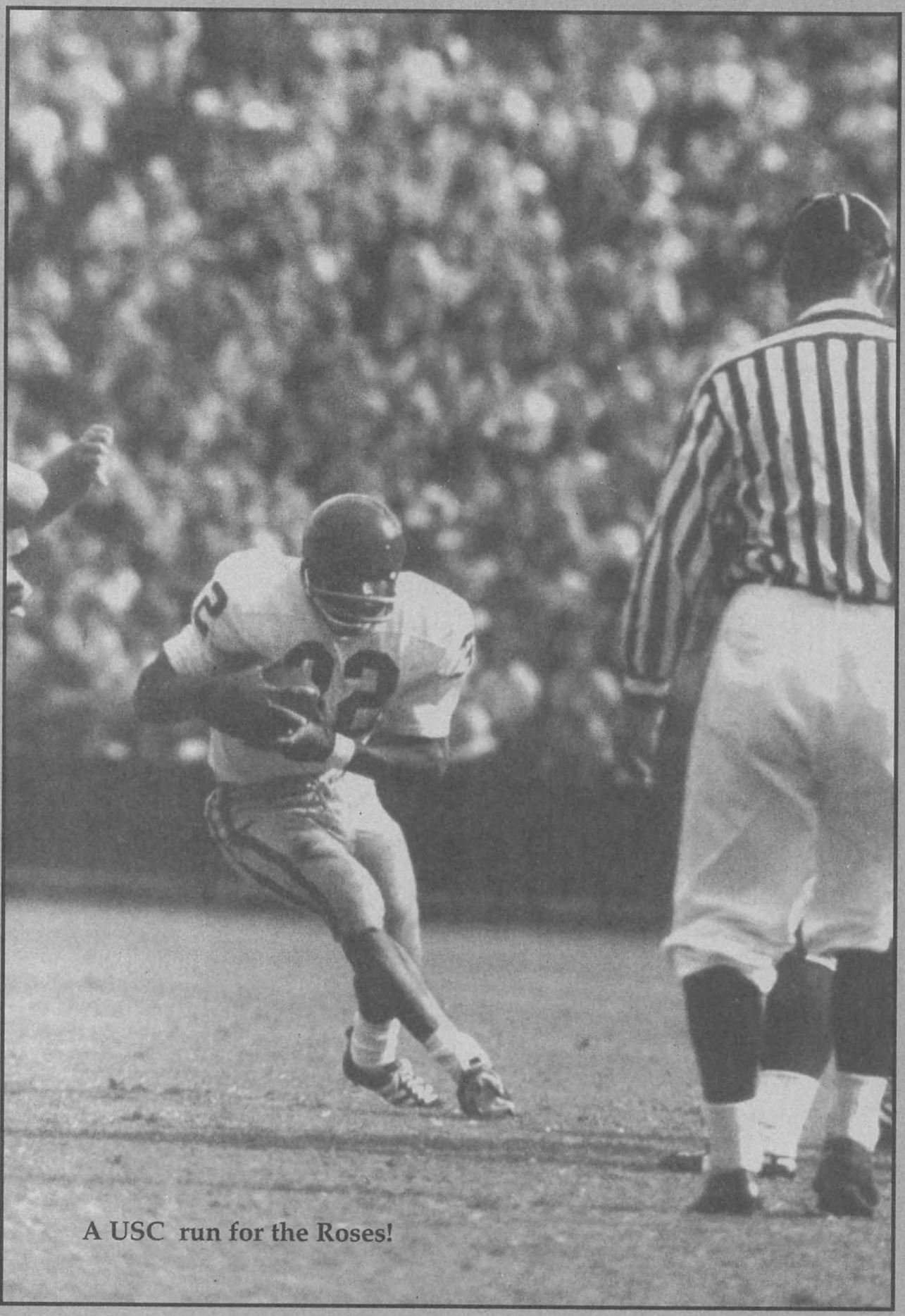
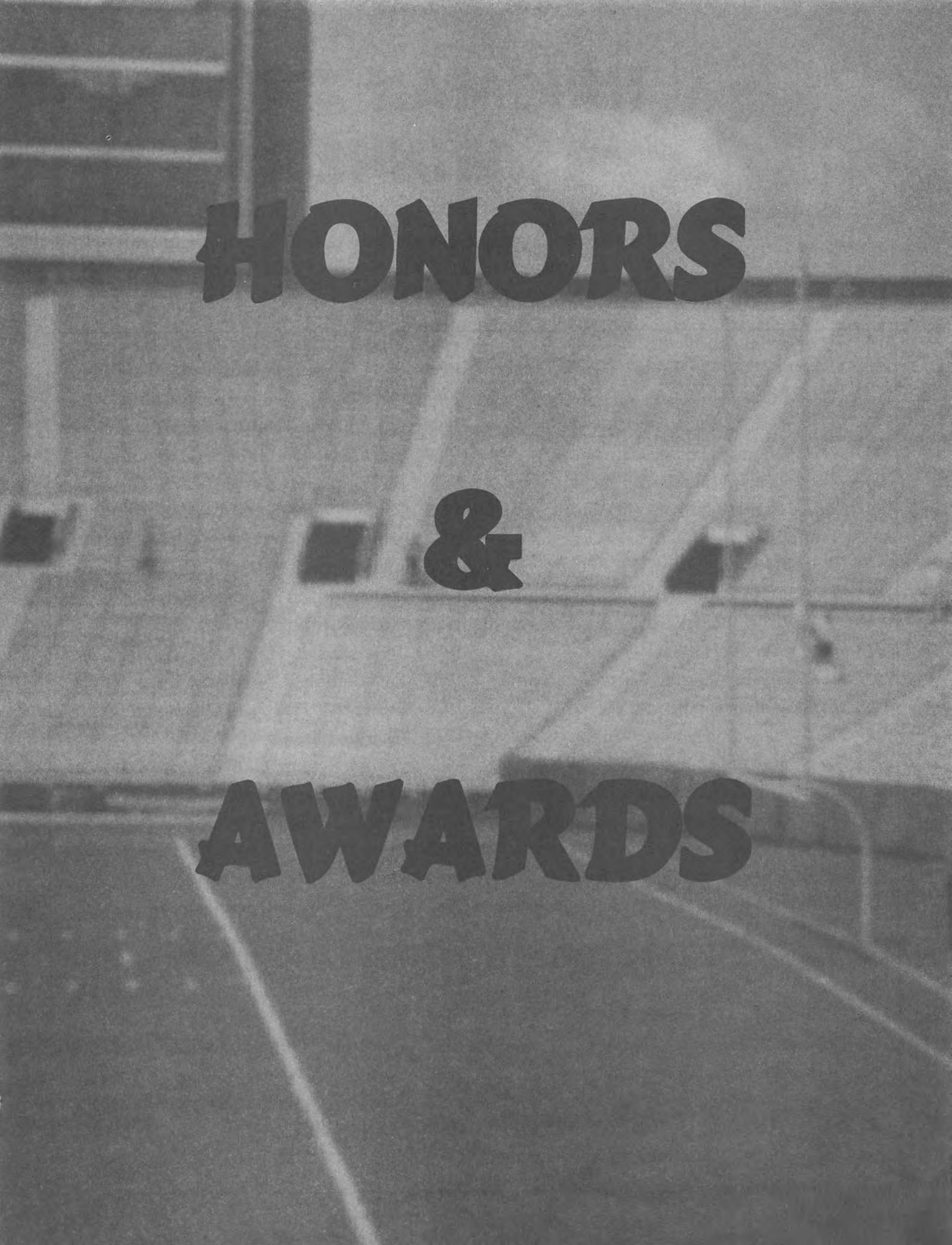


A USC run for the Roses!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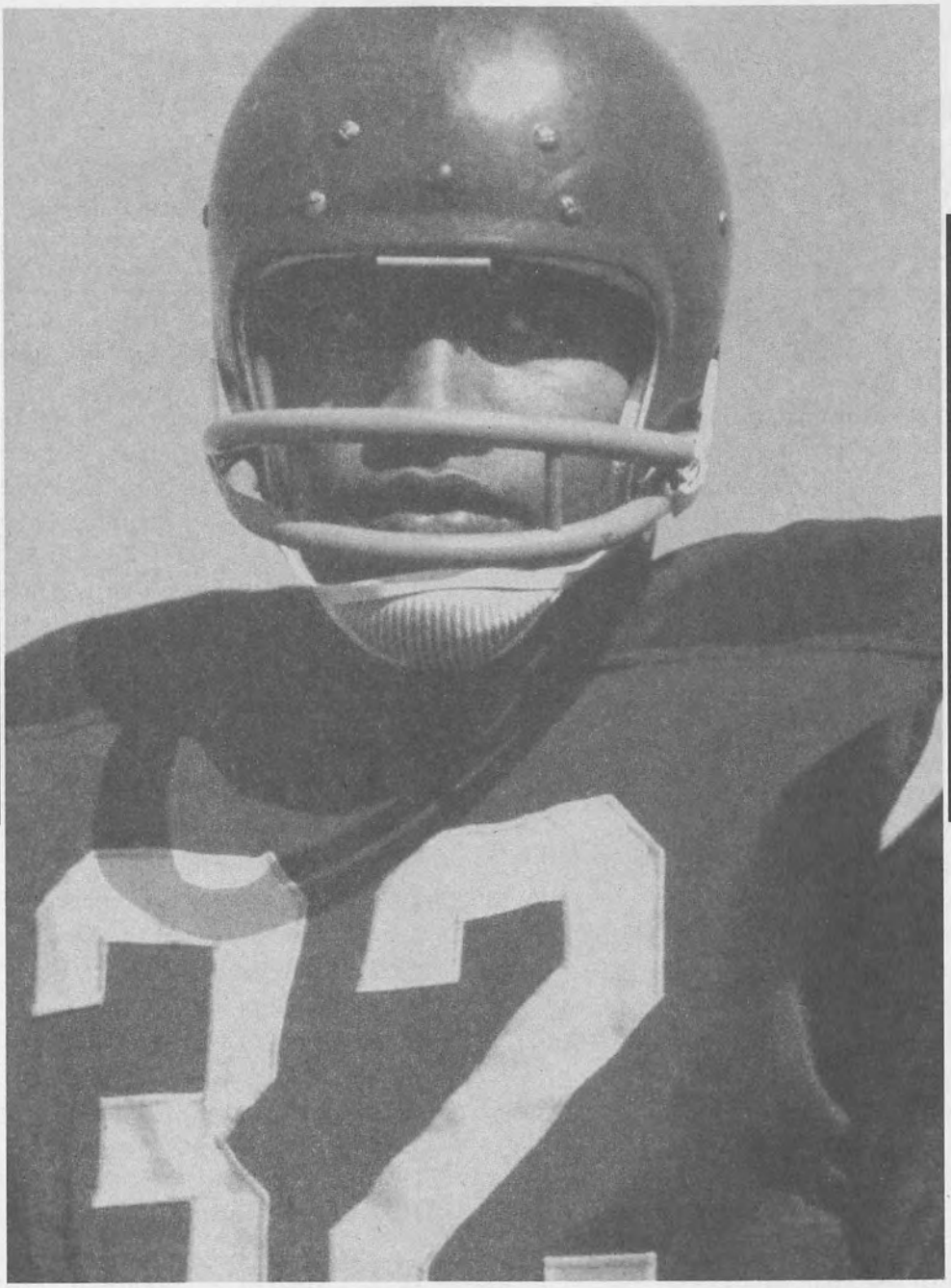
HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS

(Awarded by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York to the nation's outstanding college player)

1935	Jay Berwanger/Halfback/Chicago
1936	Larry Kelley/End/Yale
1937	Clint Frank/Halfback/Yale
1938	Davey O'Brien/Quarterback/TCU
1939	Nile Kinnick/Halfback/Iowa
1940	Tom Harmon/Halfback/Michigan
1941	Bruce Smith/Halfback/Minnesota
1942	Frank Sinkwich/Halfback/Georgia
1943	Angelo Bertelli/Quarterback/Norte Dame
1944	Les Horvath/Quarterback/Ohio State
1945	Felix "Doc" Blanchard/Fullback/Army
1946	Glenn Davis/Halfback/Army
1947	John Lujack/Quarterback/Norte Dame
1948	Doak Walker/Halfback/SMU
1949	Leon Hart/End/Norte Dame
1950	Vic Janowicz/Halfback/Ohio State
1951	Dick Kazmaier/Halfback/Princeton
1952	Billy Vessels/Halfback/Oklahoma
1953	John Lattner/Halfback/Notre Dame
1954	Alan Ameche/Fullback/Wisconsin
1955	Howard Cassidy/Halfback/Ohio State
1956	Paul Hornung/Quarterback/Notre Dame
1957	John David Crow/Halfback/Texas A&M
1958	Pete Dawkins/Halfback/Army
1959	Billy Cannon/Halfback/LSU
1960	Joe Bellino/Halfback/Navy
1961	Ernie Davis/Halfback/Syracuse
1962	Terry Baker/Quarterback/Oregon State
1963	Roger Staubach/Quarterback/Navy
1964	John Huarte/Quarterback/Notre Dame
1965	Mike Garrett/Halfback/USC
1966	Steve Spurrier/Quarterback/Florida
1967	Gary Beban/Quarterback/UCLA
1968	**O.J. Simpson/Halfback/USC**
1969	Steve Owens/Halfback/Oklahoma
1970	Jim Plunkett/Quarterback/Stanford
1971	Pat Sullivan/Quarterback/Auburn
1972	Johnny Rogers/Flanker/Nebraska
1973	John Cappelletti/Halfback/Penn State
1974	Archie Griffin/Halfback/Ohio State
1975	Archie Griffin/Halfback/Ohio State
1976	Tony Dorsett/Halfback/Pittsburgh
1977	Earl Campbell/Halfback/Texas
1978	Billy Sims/Halfback/Oklahoma
1979	Charles White/Halfback/USC
1980	George Rogers/Halfback/South Carolina
1981	Marcus Allen/Halfback/USC
1982	Herschel Walker/Halfback/Georgia
1983	Mike Rozier/Halfback/Nebraska
1984	Doug Flutie/Quarterback/Boston College
1985	Bo Jackson/Halfback/Auburn
1986	Vinny Testaverde/Quarterback/Miami (Fla.)
1987	Tim Brown/Flanker/Notre Dame
1988	Barry Sanders/Halfback/Oklahoma State
1989	Andre Ware/Quarterback/Houston
1990	Ty Detmer/Quarterback/BYU
1991	Desmond Howard/W. Receiver/Michigan
1992	Gino Torretta/Quarterback/Miami (Fla.)
1993	Charlie Ward/Quarterback/Florida State



THE 1968 HEISMAN VOTE

1.	**O.J. SIMPSON, USC**	**2,853**
2.	LEROY KEYES, PURDUE	1,103
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O. J. SIMPSON #32
FOOTBALL HONORS

1967	Citizens Savings Southern California Athlete of the Year
1968	Heisman Trophy
1968	United Press International College Football Player of the Year
1968	United Press International College Football Back of the Year
1968	Football Writers - Look All-America
1968	American Football Coaches (Kodak) All-America
1968	United Press International All-America
1968	Associated Press All-America
1968	Newspaper Enterprises Association All-America
1968	Football Digest All-America
1968	New York Daily News All-America
1968	Walter Camp Football Foundation All-America
1968	Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year
1968	The Sporting News All-America
1968	The Sporting News Player of the Year
1968	Football News All-America
1968	Columbus Touchdown Club Player of the Year
1968	Miami Touchdown Club Player of the Year
1968	Washington D.C. Pigskin Player of the Year
1968	Washington D.C. Touchdown Club Player of the Year
1968	Sport Magazine Man of the Year
1968	Robert W. Maxwell Award Winner
1968	Voit Memorial Trophy - Outstanding Player on the West Coast
1968	California Athlete of the year -AP
1968	So. Cal. Football Writers - University Player of the Year
1968	Associated Press International All-Coast
1968	United Press International All-Coast
1968	All-Pacific - 8
1968	Roy Baker Memorial Award - Outstanding USC Back
1968	UCLA Game Award - Most Valuable Trojan in the UCLA Game
1968	Mike McKeever Memorial Award - Most Valuable Trojan
1968	Mike Garrett Award - Most Valuable Trojan in Bay Area Game
1968	Citizen Savings College Football Player of the Year
1968	Rose Bowl Football Player of the Game
1969	1st choice in the NFL Draft - Buffalo
1970	AFL All-Star Team
1972	United Press International AFC Player of the Year
1972	Pro Bowl Team
1972	Newspaper Enterprise Association AFC Player of the Year (co-recipient)
1972	The Sporting News AFC All-Star Team
1973	Associated Press NFL Player of the Year
1973	United Press International AFC Player of the Year
1973	Newspaper Enterprise Association AFC Player of the Year
1973	Bell Trophy
1973	The Sporting News AFC Player of the Year
1973	NFL Pro Bowl Team
1973	NFL Pro Bowl Player of the Year
1973	Thorpe Trophy
1973	Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year
1973	The Sporting News Sportsman of the Year
1973	The Hickock Belt
1974	NFL Pro Bowl Team
1975	Seagram's Seven Crowns of Sports Award
1975	United Press International AFC Player of the Year
1975	Newspaper Enterprise Association AFC Player of the Year
1975	NFL Pro Bowl Team
1975	The Sporting News AFC Player of the Year
1976	NFL Pro Bowl Team
1976	The Sporting News AFC All-Star Team
1980	NFL All-Pro Team of the 1970's
1983	College Football Hall of Fame
1985	Pro Football Hall of Fame

AFL–NFL 1960–1984 ALL-STAR TEAM

As chosen by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee

OFFENSE

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Teams
Johnny Unitas	Quarterback	6-1	196	Baltimore 1956-72, San Diego 1973
Jim Brown	Running Back	6-2	232	Cleveland 1957-65
O.J. Simpson	**Running Back**	**6-1**	**216**	**Buffalo 1969-77, San Francisco 1978-79**
Lance Alworth	Flanker	6-0	180	San Diego 1962-70, Dallas 1971-72
Raymond Berry	Split End	6-2	187	Baltimore 1955-67
Kellen Winslow	Tight End	6-5	242	San Diego 1979-85
Forrest Gregg	Tackle	6-4	240	Green Bay 1956, 1958-70, Dallas 1971
Ron Mix	Tackle	6-4	250	LA Chargers 1960, San Diego 1961-69, Oakland 1971
John Hannah	Guard	6-2	265	New England 1973-85
Jim Parker	Guard	6-3	273	Baltimore 1957-67
Jim Otto	Center	6-2	248	Oakland 1960-74
Jan Stenerud	Kicker	6-2	190	Kansas City 1967-79, Green Bay 1980-83, Minnesota 1984-85
Gale Sayers	Kick Returner	6-0	198	Chicago Bears 1965-71
Rick Upchurch	Kick Returner	5-10	180	Denver 1975-83

DEFENSE

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Teams
Dick Butkus	Linebacker	6-3	245	Chicago Bears 1965-73
Jack Lambert	Linebacker	6-4	220	Pittsburgh 1974-84
Ray Nitschke	Linebacker	6-3	240	Green Bay 1958-72
Willie Brown	Cornerback	6-1	190	Denver 1963-66, Oakland 1967-78
Dick (Night Train) Lane	Cornerback	6-2	210	LA Rams 1952-53, Chicago Cardinals 1954-59, Detroit 1960-65
Yale Lary	Safety	5-11	190	Detroit 1952-53, 1956-64
Larry Wilson	Safety	6-0	190	St. Louis 1960-72
Willie Davis	End	6-3	245	Cleveland 1958-59, Green Bay 1960-69
Gino Marchetti	End	6-4	245	Dallas Texans 1952, Baltimore 1953-64, 1966
Bob Lilly	Tackle	6-5	260	Dallas 1961-74
Merlin Olsen	Tackle	6-5	270	LA Rams 1962-76
Ray Guy	Punter	6-3	195	Oakland 1973-81, LA Raiders 1982-85

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OFFENSE

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Teams
Terry Bradshaw	Quarterback	6-3	215	Pittsburgh 1970-83
Ken Stabler	Quarterback	6-3	215	Oakland 1970-79, Houston 1980-81, New Orleans 1982-84
Roger Staubach	Quarterback	6-3	197	Dallas 1969-79
Earl Campbell	Running Back	5-11	224	Houston 1978-84, New Orleans 1984-85
Franco Harris	Running Back	6-3	230	Pittsburgh 1972-83, Seattle 1984
Walter Payton	Running Back	5-10	202	Chicago Bears 1975-85
O.J. Simpson	**Running Back**	**6-1**	**216**	**Buffalo 1969-77, San Francisco 1978-79**
Harold Carmichael	Wide Receiver	6-8	225	Philadelphia 1971-83, Dallas 1984
Drew Pearson	Wide Receiver	6-0	183	Dallas 1973-83
Lynn Swann	Wide Receiver	6-0	180	Pittsburgh 1974-82
Paul Warfield	Wide Receiver	6-0	188	Cleveland 1964-69, 1976-77, Miami 1970-74
Dave Casper	Tight End	6-4	230	Oakland 1974-80, Houston 1980-83, Minnesota 1983, LA Raiders 1984
Charlie Sanders	Tight End	6-4	230	Detroit 1966-77
Dan Diedorf	Tackle	6-3	288	St. Louis 1971-83
Art Shell	Tackle	6-5	286	Oakland 1968-81, LA Raiders 1982
Rayfield Wright	Tackle	6-6	260	Dallas 1967-79
Ron Yary	Tackle	6-6	255	Minnesota 1968-81, LA Rams 1982
Joe Delamielleure	Guard	6-3	245	Buffalo 1973-79, 1985, Cleveland 1980-84
John Hannah	Guard	6-2	265	New England 1973-85
Larry Little	Guard	6-1	265	San Diego 1967-68, Miami 1969-80
Gene Upshaw	Guard	6-5	255	Oakland 1967-81, LA Raiders 1982
Jim Langer	Center	6-2	257	Miami 1970-80, Minnesota 1980-81
Mike Webster	Center	6-2	255	Pittsburgh 1974-85
Garo Yepremian	Kicker	5-8	175	Detroit 1966-67, Miami 1970-78, New Orleans 197, Tampa Bay 1980-81

DEFENSE

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Teams
Bobby Bell	Linebacker	6-4	228	Kansas City 1963-74
Robert Brazile	Linebacker	6-4	238	Houston 1975-84
Dick Butkus	Linebacker	6-3	245	Chicago Bears 1965-73
Jack Ham	Linebacker	6-1	225	Pittsburgh 1971-82
Ted Hendricks	Linebacker	6-7	225	Baltimore 1969-73, Green Bay 1974, Oakland 1975-81, LA Raiders 1982-83
Jack Lambert	Linebacker	6-4	220	Pittsburgh 1974-84
Willie Brown	Cornerback	6-1	190	Denver 1963-66, Oakland 1967-78
Jimmy Johnson	Cornerback	6-2	185	San Francisco 1961-76
Roger Wehril	Cornerback	6-0	190	St. Louis 1969-82
Louis Wright	Cornerback	6-2	200	Denver 1975-85
Dick Anderson	Safety	6-2	196	Miami 1968-77
Cliff Harris	Safety	6-1	192	Dallas 1970-79
Ken Houston	Safety	6-3	198	Houston 1967-72, Wash. 1973-80
Larry Wilson	Safety	6-0	190	St. Louis 1960-73
Carl Eller	End	6-6	247	Minnesota 1964-78, Seattle 1979
L.C. Greenwood	End	6-6	245	Pittsburgh 1969-81
Harvey Martin	End	6-5	250	Dallas 1973-83
Jack Youngblood	End	6-4	244	LA Rams 1971-84
Joe Greene	Tackle	6-4	275	Pittsburgh 1969-81
Bob Lilly	Tackle	6-5	260	Dallas 1961-74
Merlin Olsen	Tackle	6-5	270	LA Rams 1962-78
Alan Page	Tackle	6-4	245	Minnesota 1967-78, Chicago 1978-81
Ray Guy	Punter	6-3	195	Oakland 1973-81, LA Raiders 1982-85

O.J. SIMPSON PRO BOWL TEAMS 1972

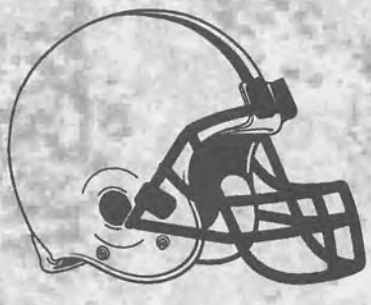
Offense

Gene Washington	San Francisco	WR
Otis Taylor	Kansas City	WR
Fred Bilettnikoff	Oakland	WR
Paul Warfield	Miami	WR
Bob Tucker	NY Giants	TE
Ted Kwalick	San Francisco	TE
Rayfield Wright	Dallas	T
Bob Brown	Oakland	T
George Kunz	Atlanta	T
Larry Little	Miami	G
Gene Upshaw	Oakland	G
Blaine Nye	Dallas	G
Forrest Blue	San Francisco	C
Len Hauss	Washington	C
Joe Namath	NY Jets	QB
Larry Brown	Washington	RB
O.J. Simpson	**Buffalo**	**RB**
Chester Marcol	Green Bay	K

Defense

Claude Humphery	Atlanta	DE
Jack Gregory	NY Giants	DE
Joe Greene	Pittsburgh	DT
Mike Reid	Cincinnati	DT
Dick Butkus	Chicago	MLB
Dave Wilcox	San Francisco	LB
Chris Hamburger	Washington	LB
Willie Brown	Oakland	CB
Jimmy Johnson	San Francisco	CB
Dick Anderson	Miami	S
Bill Bradley	Philadelphia	S
Jerrel Wilson	Kansas City	P
Ray Guy	Oakland	P

1973



Offense

Harold Jackson	LA Rams	WR
Harold Carmichael	Philadelphia	WR
John Gilliam	Minnesota	WR
Charlie Young	Philadelphia	TE
Riley Odoms	Denver	TE
Ron Yary	Minnesota	T
Rayfield Wright	Dallas	T
Art Shell	Oakland	T
George Kunz	Atlanta	T
Larry Little	Miami	G
Reggie McKenzie	Buffalo	G
Joe Scibelli	LA Rams	G
Forrest Blue	San Francisco	C
Bob Johnson	Cincinnati	C
John Hadl	LA Rams	QB
Fran Tarkenton	Minnesota	QB
O.J. Simpson	**Buffalo**	**RB**
Calvin Hill	Dallas	RB
John Brockington	Green Bay	RB
Garo Yepremian	Miami	K

Defense

Bill Stanfill	Miami	DE
Claude Humphery	Atlanta	DE
Joe Greene	Pittsburgh	DT
Alan Page	Minnesota	DT
Mike Reid	Cincinnati	DT
LeeRoy Jordan	Dallas	MLB
Dave Wilcox	San Francisco	LB
Isiah Robertson	LA Rams	LB
Chris Hamburger	Washington	LB
Willie Brown	Oakland	CB
Mel Renfro	Dallas	CB
Dick Anderson	Miami	S
Jake Scott	Miami	S
Bill Bradley	Philadelphia	S
Ray Guy	Oakland	P

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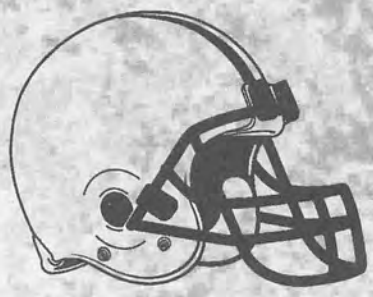

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Mel Gray	St. Louis	WR
Riley Odoms	Denver	TE
Ron Yary	Minnesota	T
Art Shell	Oakland	T
Tom Mack	LA Rams	G
Larry Little	Miami	G
Ed White	Minnesota	G
Gale Gillingham	Green Bay	G
Jim Langer	Miami	C
Ken Stabler	Oakland	QB
O.J. Simpson	**Buffalo**	**RB**
Otis Armstrong	Denver	RB
Lawrence McCutcheon	LA Rams	RB
Chester Marcol	Green Bay	K
Jan Stenerud	Kansas City	K

Defense

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Fred Dryer	LA Rams	DE
Joe Greene	Pittsburgh	DT
Alan Page	Minnesota	DT
Bill Bergey	Philadelphia	MLB
Willie Lanier	Kansas City	MLB
Jack Ham	Pittsburgh	LB
Ted Hendricks	Green Bay	LB
Robert James	Buffalo	CB
Emmitt Thomas	Kansas City	CB
Roger Wehril	St. Louis	CB
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Ken Houston	Washington	S
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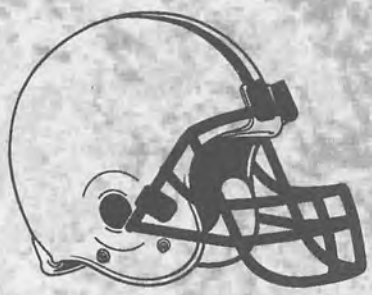

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Bob Kuechenberg	Miami	G
Ed White	Minnesota	G
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Defense

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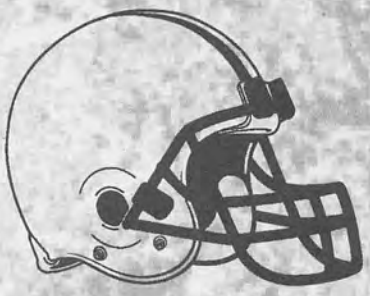
L.C. Greenwood	Pittsburgh	DE
Curley Culp	Houston	DT
Wally Chambers	Chicago	DT
Alan Page	Minnesota	DT
Jack Lambert	Pittsburgh	MLB
Willie Lanier	Kansas City	MLB
Jack Ham	Pittsburgh	LB
Andy Russell	Pittsburgh	LB
Isiah Robertson	LA Rams	LB
Mel Blount	Pittsburgh	CB
Emmitt Thomas	Kansas City	CB
Roger Wehril	St. Louis	CB
Paul Krause	Minnesota	S
Ken Houston	Washington	S
Cliff Harris	Dallas	S
Ray Guy	Oakland	P

1976



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John Hannah	New England	G
Conrad Dobler	St. Louis	G
Jim Langer	Miami	C
Tom Banks	St. Louis	C
Bert Jones	Baltimore	QB
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Walter Payton	Chicago	RB
Chuck Foreman	Minnesota	RB
Jim Bakken	St. Louis	K
Rick Upchurch	Denver	KR

Defense

Jack Youngblood	LA Rams	DE
Tommy Hart	San Francisco	DE
John Dutton	Baltimore	DE
Wally Chambers	Chicago	DT
Jerry Sherk	Cleveland	DT
Jack Lambert	Pittsburgh	MLB
Jack Ham	Pittsburgh	LB
Robert Brazile	Houston	LB
Chris Hamberger	Washington	LB
Isiah Robertson	LA Rams	LB
Monte Jackson	LA Rams	CB
Roger Wehril	St. Louis	CB
Lamar Parrish	Cincinnati	CB
Cliff Harris	Dallas	S
Ken Houston	Washington	S
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Pro Football Hall of Fame O.J. Simpson (Southern California)

Running Back — 6′-1″, 212 lbs.

1969 Buffalo Bills (AFL)
1970-1977 Buffalo Bills (NFL)
1978-1979 San Francisco 49ers

Enshrined in 1985

Heisman Trophy winner, No. 1 NFL draft pick, 1969 . . . Career highlighted by 2,003 yards rushing, 1973 . . . Unanimous all-pro, topped 1,000 yards rushing, 1972-1976 . . . Won four NFL rushing titles . . . Career record: 11,236 yards rushing, 203 receptions, 990 yards kickoff returns, 14,368 combined net yards . . . In 1969 AFL All-Star game, five Pro Bowls . . . 1973 Pro Bowl MVP . . . Born July 9, 1947, in San Francisco, California

THE 1985 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT PROGRAM

THE ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONIES AUGUST 3, 1985

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Unity Church

The National Anthem:
Rocco Scotti

The Welcome:
Honorable Sam Purses
Mayor of Canton

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Mr. Jim Muzzy
Retired Sports Director of WHBC Sports

THE PRESENTATIONS

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JOE NAMATH	**LARRY BRUNO**
PETE ROZELLE	**TEX SCHRAMM**
O.J. SIMPSON	**LOU SABAN**
ROGER STAUBACH	**TOM LANDRY**

To present O.J. Simpson is that coach who let O.J. reach his potential, Coach Lou Saban:

(Lou Saban)

Thank you very much. Ladies and gentleman and the Class of Football. You don't know difficult it has been for me to live in the shadow of an O.J. Simpson. But, it is with great pleasure that I make this presentation. I was tremendously impressed with the parade. As I road down Cleveland Avenue the fans showed this young man great respect and dignity. I am very proud of that because he is one hell of a man. We are here today to recognize O.J. Simpson for his talents on the football field. All-America, Heisman trophy winner, all-pro, record of 2,003 yards in a single season and may I add in 14 games, athlete of the decade. He is a giant among his peers in a business that too often forgets its own. O.J. has never forgotten his friends. He was always ready to help and give us of his time. He never needed a reason, he just felt it was his duty. He felt that no man was an island, that we should all care. He gave credit where credit was due and expressed himself when he felt necessary. He is a man of feeling and compassion. He understood himself, which is far more important that anything else I know and appreciate the talents of others. He was always respected by the media and he respected the media, his fans and his friends.

I never saw him refuse a handshake or an autograph. Now don't misunderstand, he was not without his failures. The battle to overcome all obstacles. He considered turning his back on professional football. We asked him to reconsider because he had the most difficult start. He did, we gave him the ball, and the rest is history.

I must tell you a true story. After my mother, my little Croatian mother, found out that O.J. was returning, she called and said "Louie don't be stupid, give O.J. the football." He was magic on the gridiron as you all know. I just regret that he was not able to play on a championship football team. Needless to say, I took great satisfaction in his performance. Thanks for the ride Juice, I thoroughly enjoyed it...you are the greatest. He is a man with class and a quite man with dignity. Ladies and gentleman, I give you O.J. Simpson. He belongs in the Hall of Fame because he earned it. I give you O.J. Simpson, the Juice.

(O.J. Simpson)

Thank you, thank you very much. Oh boy... Thank you. Ever since January when they named the members that would be enshrined in the Hall of Fame, I had a problem. The problem was what would you say, what would you say at a time like this and over the last few months, I thought about it and thought about it and it was a few weeks ago that I started to realize just about the only thing you could do here was to give thanks to so many people because without their contributions I wouldn't be here tonight. It was earlier this week that I guess I was lying in bed I was in New York with Joe and Gifford practicing for some Monday Night Football and I started thinking of all the people who made a contribution to my life and finally I guess it was about 1:: in the morning, I said Christ, Juice, you thought of them all now let me run through them one more time and I ran through it and I was pretty sure I got everybody. The only problem was, it took me 43 minutes to name everybody. Don't worry, I am not going to take that long here.

Well, let me get started by first of all thanking Pete Elliott and the Hall of Fame committee for their kindness and consideration that they have showned my family and friends and myself in making us feel welcome here. I want to say to my fellow enshrinees, that Hall of Fame or not, man I feel special just being around you guys. And I want to say to the Hall of Fame members. You don't know what this is to walk around here. You wonder do you belong with this group of guys. I see Nitschke, Lenny Moore, Doug Atkins, Sam Huff and my hero Gale Sayers over there, Dick Night Train Lane. You know as a kid I watched these guys and I read about them and you know I figured well I must have done something good or something right to be here and I just want you to know that I will never let you guys down man, I will live up to the honor of being in this Hall and being on your team.

As far as my career is concerned, I want to start off by thanking the City of San Francisco. It was on those school yards and in those playgrounds that I was taught the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship and I especially want to thank the counselors and directors at the Gatrilla Recreation Center and my High School Galileo and my teammates and coaches there, George Popp and Larry Mackinernie and a guy that if I could have a co-presenter here he would be standing here with Lou Saban a guy named Jack McBride. You know there are people in your life who teach you things that stay with you. I can recall that Jack McBride was one of those guys who had that effect on me. I recall it was my sophomore year at Galileo and I was the star of the JV football team and it was the week of our championship game an a few of my buddies and I, Joe Bell who is out here and Al Cowlings, we had decided to ditch a class and we had gone up to the third floor lavatory and we were shooting amongst the nickels and dimes all of a sudden there was this size 14 shoe , we looked up and there was big Jack McBride. You know we knew that our head varsity coach was going to retire and Jack McBride was one of the candidates to be head coach and we knew what it would mean for him to win this JV championship. So, we thought he would let us go, maybe run a few laps, stay out after practice, but no he started marching us down to

Dean Smith's office. Dean Smith was notorious for five day suspensions, so I was trying to tell the coach, hey coach the game is this week, I was trying to remind him that maybe the head coaching job was on the line for him. Well, I'll never forget Jack McBride because he told me, he said "O.J., in this world there are rules that we must all live by." He said "You got to learn that if you are ever going to be successful in this world, you are going to have to learn to accept the responsibilities for your actions". I don't know, it didn't hit me right then, but it started working on me as years went on because I knew I was this guy's favorite and he turned me in, he would have turned me in anyway and I guess that is when I began to realize that it really, really is secondary if you win or lose, it is how you play the game in life and on the field that really matters. So I'll always be grateful to Jack McBride. I want to thank my junior college, my city college of San Francisco, my coaches there, Dutch Elson, Pop Schwartz, Mr. Lawson. I must admit, it was the most fun I ever had in football. There was no pressure. The coaches had tenure so they didn't have to worry about their jobs all they cared about was that we would qualify to go on to a 4 year school and preferably to schools of our choice. It is no wonder that in that environment we won two championships.

Of course the school of my choice was the University of Southern California and I can't imagine any school educating a guy, preparing him for the world more than USC did me. They allowed me to play on some great teams there. We won a national championship, broke a world record in track. I want to thank John McKay for the confidence he showed in me. He let me carry the ball. He taught me about running the football. I recall one time when I had carried the ball my first year there 47 times and this was when it was unheard of for a guy to carry the ball that much. All the press and people were concerned about it and McKay turned to me and said "I don't know what you are worried about, the ball ain't that heavy." I also want to thank a coach there, a guy that called my daddy when I was at USC, a man named Marv Goud. It was Marv that recruited me to USC and I guess he was the guy to help me understand that if you are going to realize any dream, to realize any dream in life, it was going to take a lot of work and a certain amount of sacrifice and it was Goud that got me into USC and it was Goud that make sure I stayed at USC by coming to my apartment everyday and making sure I didn't over sleep and I was going to class. I want to thank all my coaches in pro ball especially the owner Ralph Wilson and Pat McGroder, all the coaches I had and teammates I had in Buffalo. I learned a little something from all of them, but the man I have to give my biggest thanks is the man who is really directly responsible for me being here, my presenter here, Lou Saban. You know Lou came into my life at a very difficult time for me. I hadn't done anything for three years and I was really thing about quitting and I will never forget the day when he first got there, he sat me down and told me son, I think you have gotten a raw deal here and I want you to know I think a lot of your ability, I am going to give you the ball and if you bear with me, I'll get these guys around you so that you can go on and be the star that you should be. And it was just through his will, through his determination. He took a bunch of guys that were castoffs from other teams and a couple of rookies and with the help of the finest offensive line coach that I ever herd of, Jim Ringo, they took this group of misfits and young players and turned them into the Electric Company and I want to tell you they turned on the Juice. I don't know what I can say about these guys, Dave Foley, Mike Montler, Donnie Green, Paul Seymour, Joe DeLamielleure, Bobby Chandler, JKD, Bubba Braxton and the guy who I think is the epitome of the spirit of football players, Reggie McKenzie. A lot of people don't know that it was Reggie's dream that we would go for 2,000 yards, it wasn't my dream and through the love of Reggie and the love of this group of guys... believe me they weren't the most talented group of guys in the world, but I don't think any team had a feeling for one of

another more than this group of men had and I really feel I represent all of them standing here today.

You know away from the football field there are guys who are very important. We all had to work with through our careers, a group of men called PR men. Their job is to take the star and polish him up and make him shine and I have had the best in my career. A guy named Don Anderson at USC and the late Jack Horrigan when I first got to Buffalo and a man I just think is the best and I think Roger Staubach will agree with me. He was Roger's PR man at the Naval Academy and I just think he is the best PR man there is, Mr. L. Budd Thalman and I know L is here today and I know you are around here somewhere.

Also, and will try to wrap this up, there is a support group off the field, you know, a group of people who are your friends and your family who care less if you win or loose, if you had a good game or you didn't have a good game. I have had the best support group that any guy could hope for. A lot of them are here now. I know I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Marilyn O'Brien and Skip Taft and Cathy Randa, my friends who are here. I see Wayne Hughes, Joe and Marvin and Mark and on and my old buddy Joe Bell back there and Frank Olsen over here and all these people who have contributed to my life and my career. My best friend Al Cowlings my teammate in the third grade and thanks to what is the class of Eddie DeBartolo and Bill Walsh and the San Francisco 49ers, they allowed us to play together in my final year in my home town of San Francisco.

I want to thank my family. I see my sister, Shirley, Carmelita, my brother Truman because I know that no matter what I was, if I was a window washer or a bus driver, they all would make me feel just as loved. My kids, no one could ask for better kids, more loving kids. My wife, Nicole who came into my life at what is probably the most difficult time for an athlete, at the endof my career and she turned those years into some of the best years I have had in my life, babes. My dad, Jimmy, well what do you say about your dad. There are people who are raised in broken homes. Even though my dad didn't live under the same roof as us during most of my youth, he was always there, Dad. He was always there, I always had a problem. I love you for it. And, I don't know, what do you say about the most important person in your life? I'm just glad she is here today. My Mother. I mean you just don't know what it is to be 8 years old and have your friends think that you have the best mother in the neighborhood. I remember when I was about 9 years old, my mother worked all her life and she took the whole family on vacation to visit her sister in Las Vegas and she had two weeks off, she worked the graveyard shift in San Francisco General Hospital for 30 some years and while we were down there about five days into the vacation, I had to play in my first Little League Baseball game and I was mopping around and she noticed how sad I was and I don't know, she drove me 700 miles in the middle of the vacation, she took me 700 miles back to San Francisco so I wouldn't miss my first Little League game. I know I wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for my mother's prayers.

I want to thank God... when I think about history and all the great people for allowing me to live at a time when such basic talents of body functions as running, jumping would be worthy of applause. I want to thank all the fans, especially those in Buffalo. They were out there when I couldn't see the goal line, when I couldn't see the sidelines and there were 80,000 of them in the stands and I just want all the fans and the NFL to know how much I appreciated it. No matter what stadium I would play in, you cheered me and made me feel appreciated and welcome and I want to tell you that I know already in my heart and in my memories the things that I will miss the most about this game, is the sound of your applause and your cheers. Thank you very much.

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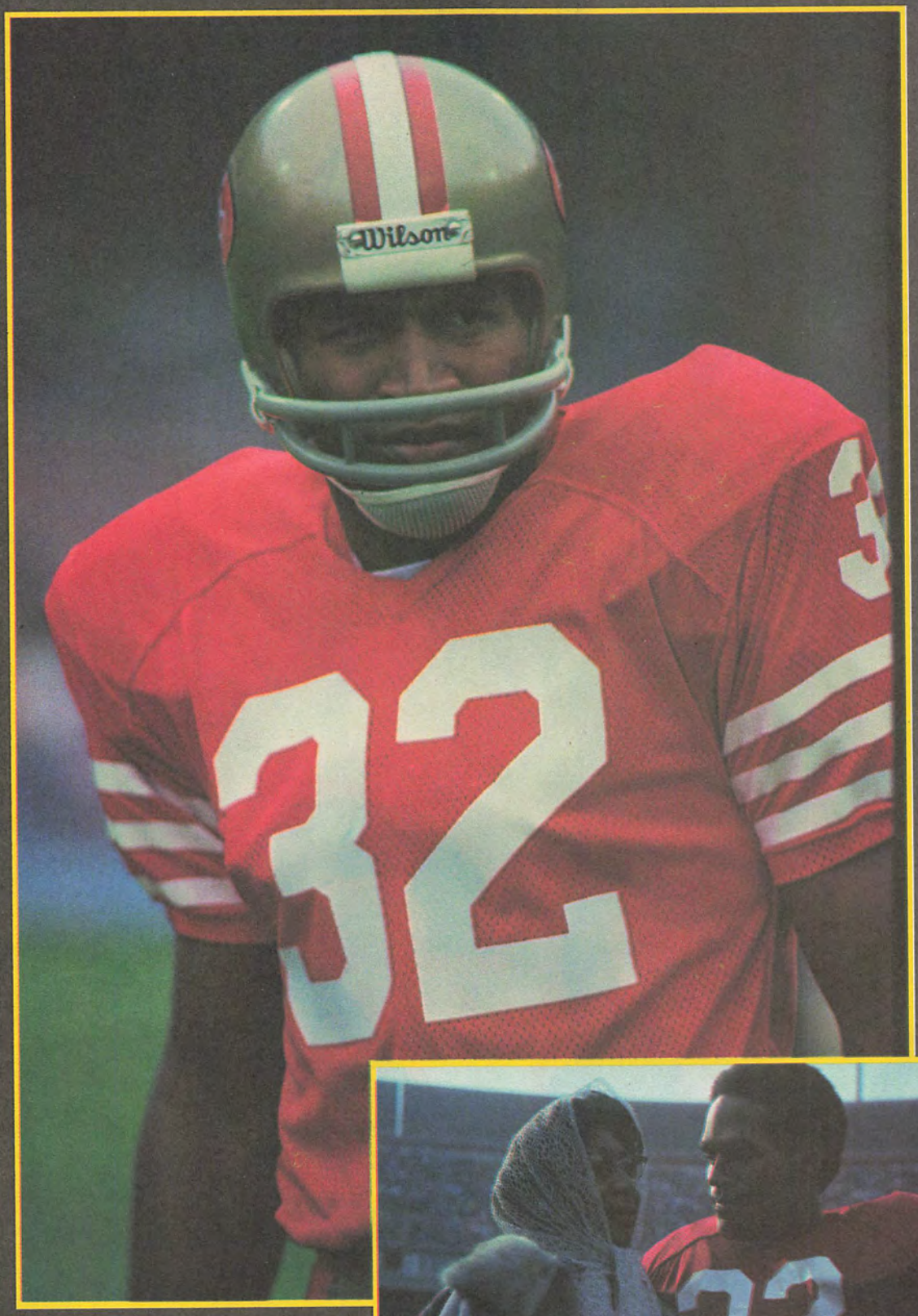
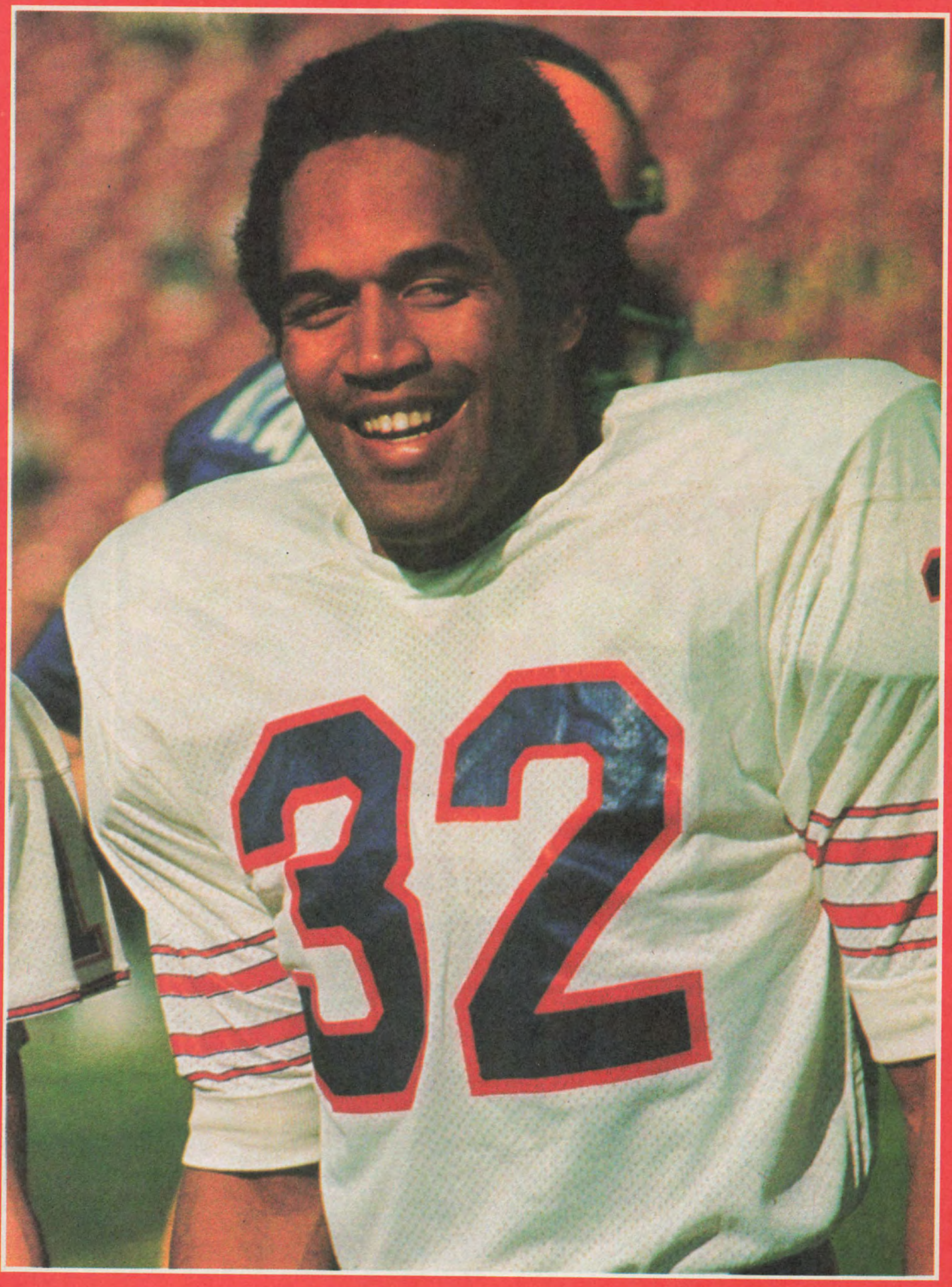


At San Francisco, the farewells were accompanied by the special presence of his mother.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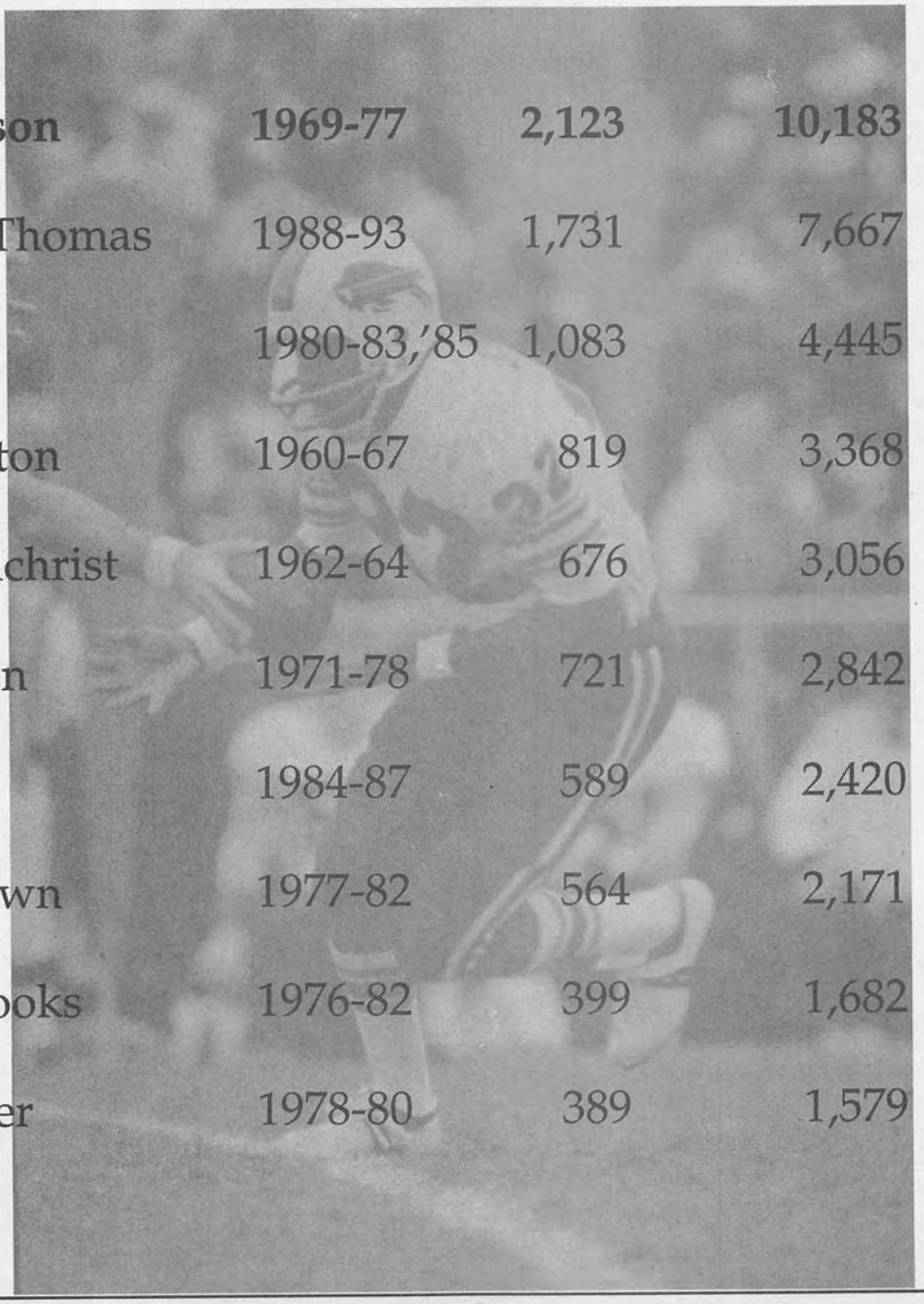
BUFFALO BILLS CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

	Years	Attempts	Yards	TD'S
O.J. Simpson	**1969-77**	**2,123**	**10,183**	**57**
Thurman Thomas	1988-93	1,731	7,667	41
Joe Cribs	1980-83,'85	1,083	4,445	21
Wray Carlton	1960-67	819	3,368	29
Cookie Gilchrist	1962-64	676	3,056	31
Jim Braxton	1971-78	721	2,842	23
Greg Bell	1984-87	589	2,420	19
Curtis Brown	1977-82	564	2,171	8
Roland Hooks	1976-82	399	1,682	12
Terry Miller	1978-80	389	1,579	8



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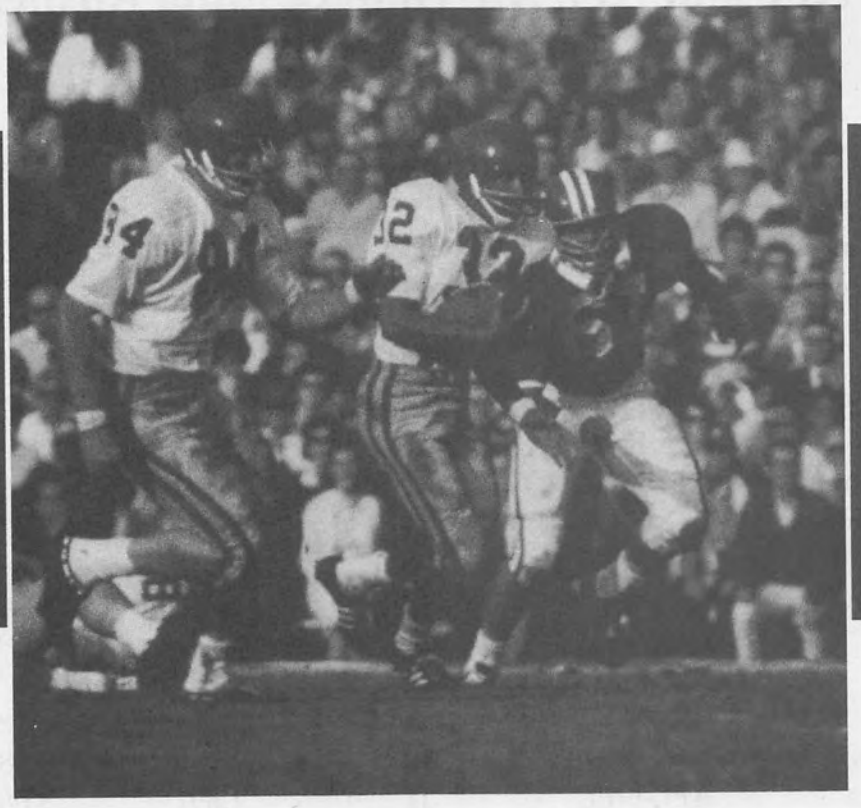


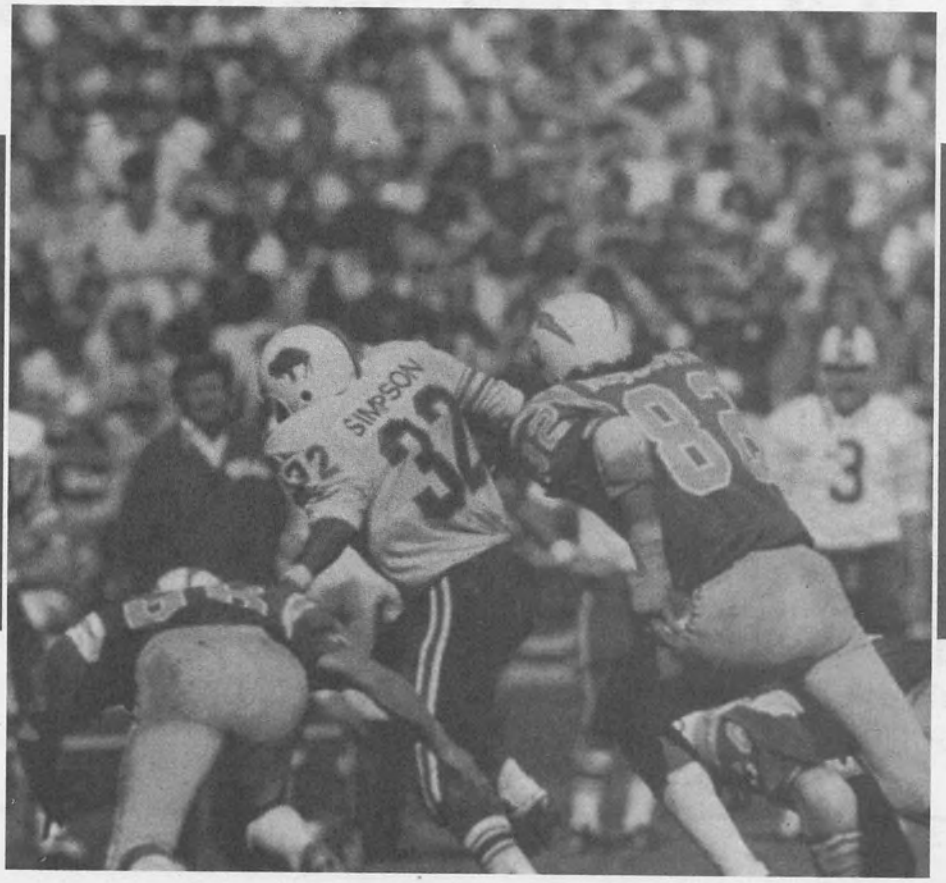
NCAA Single Season Yards Per Game Leaders

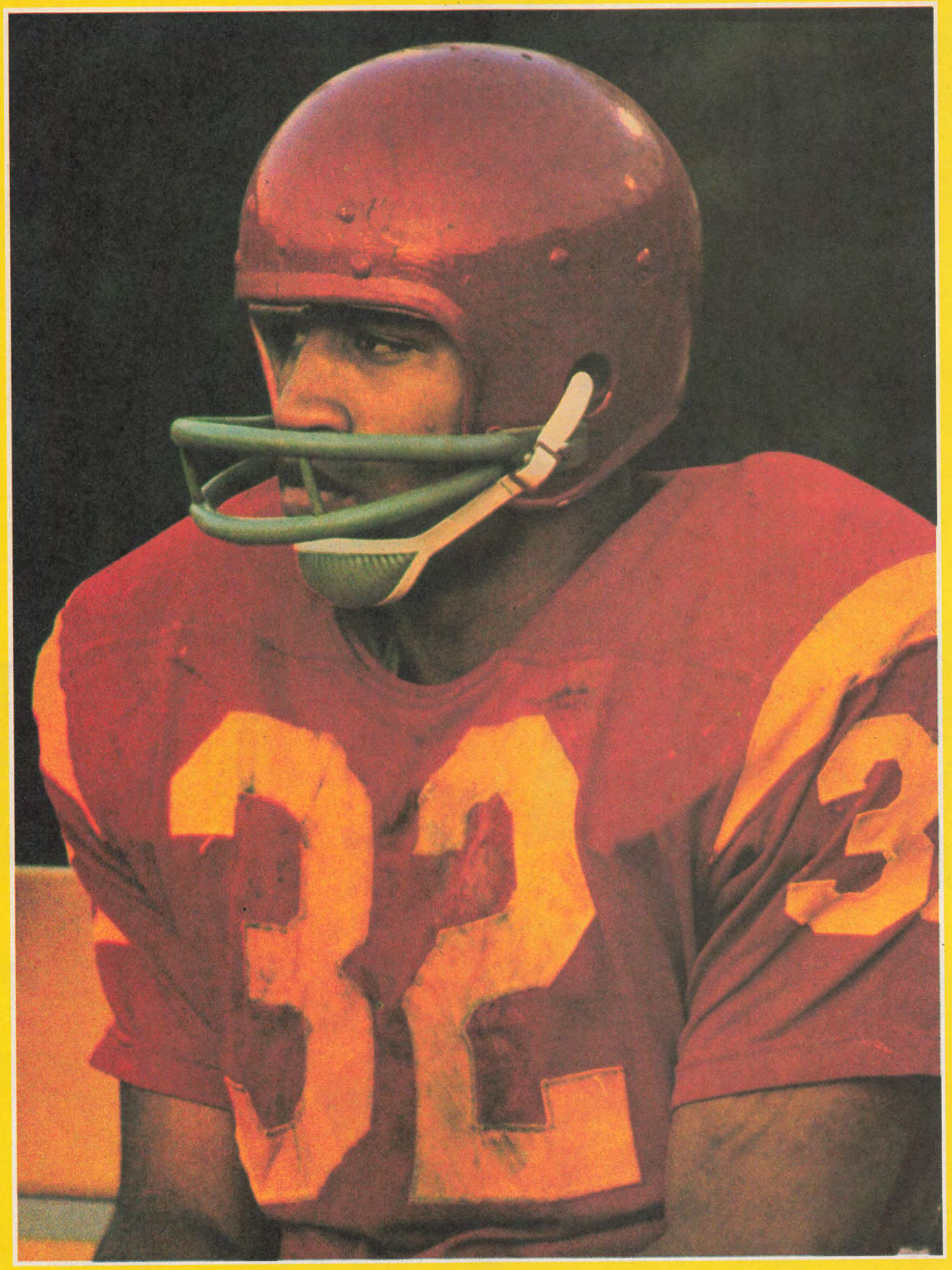
	Year	Per Game Avg.	Games	Total Yards
Barry Sanders/Oklahoma State	1988	232.1	11	2,628
Marcus Allen/USC	1981	212.9	11	2,342
Ed Marinaro/Cornell	1971	209.0	9	1,881
Charles White/USC	1979	180.3	10	1,803
Mike Rozier/Nebraska	1983	179.0	12	2,148
Tony Dorsett/Pittsburgh	1976	177.1	11	1,948
Ollie Matson/San Francisco	1951	174.0	9	1,566
Lorenzo White/Michigan St.	1985	173.5	11	1,908
Herschel Walker/Georgia	1981	171.9	11	1,891
O.J. Simpson/USC	**1968**	**170.9**	**10**	**1,709**

NFL and AFL All-Time Leading Rushers

(at the start of the 1994 season)

	League	Years	Attempts	Yards
Walter Payton	NFL	13	3,838	16,726
Eric Dickerson	NFL	11	2,996	13,259
Tony Dorsett	NFL	12	2,936	12,739
Jim Brown	NFL	9	2,359	12,312
Franco Harris	NFL	13	2,949	12,120
John Riggins	NFL	14	2,916	11,352
O.J. Simpson	**AFL-NFL**	**11**	**2,404**	**11,236**
Ottis Anderson	NFL	14	2,562	10,273
Earl Campbell	NFL	8	2,187	9,407
Marcus Allen	NFL	12	2,296	9,309
Jim Taylor	NFL	10	1,941	8,597
Joe Perry	NFL	14	1,737	8,378
Roger Craig	NFL	11	1,991	8,189
Gerald Riggs	NFL	10	1,989	8,188
Larry Csonka	AFL-NFL	11	1,891	8,081

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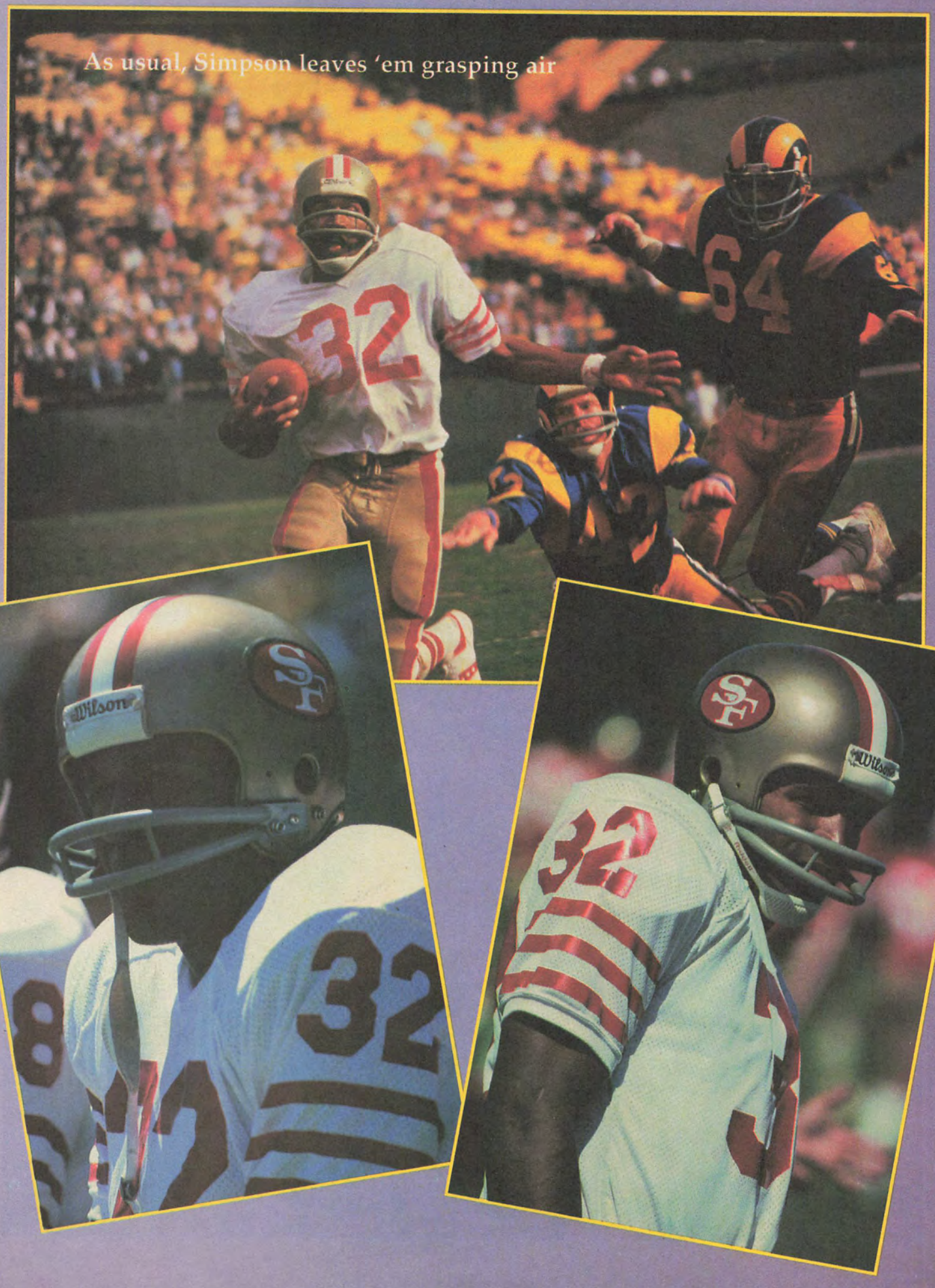
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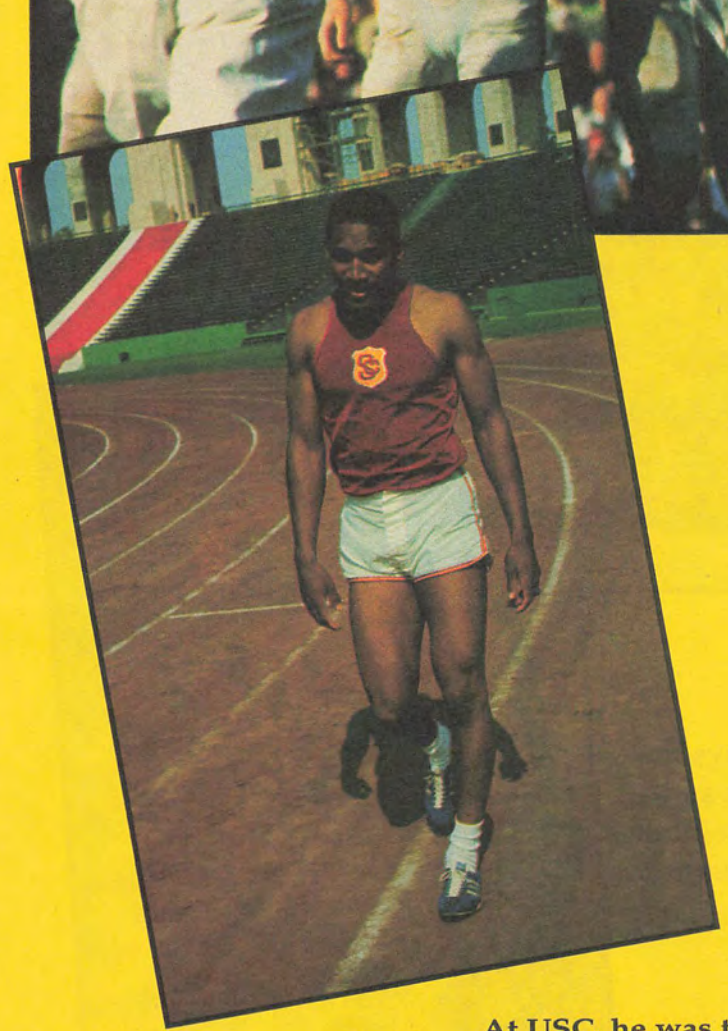
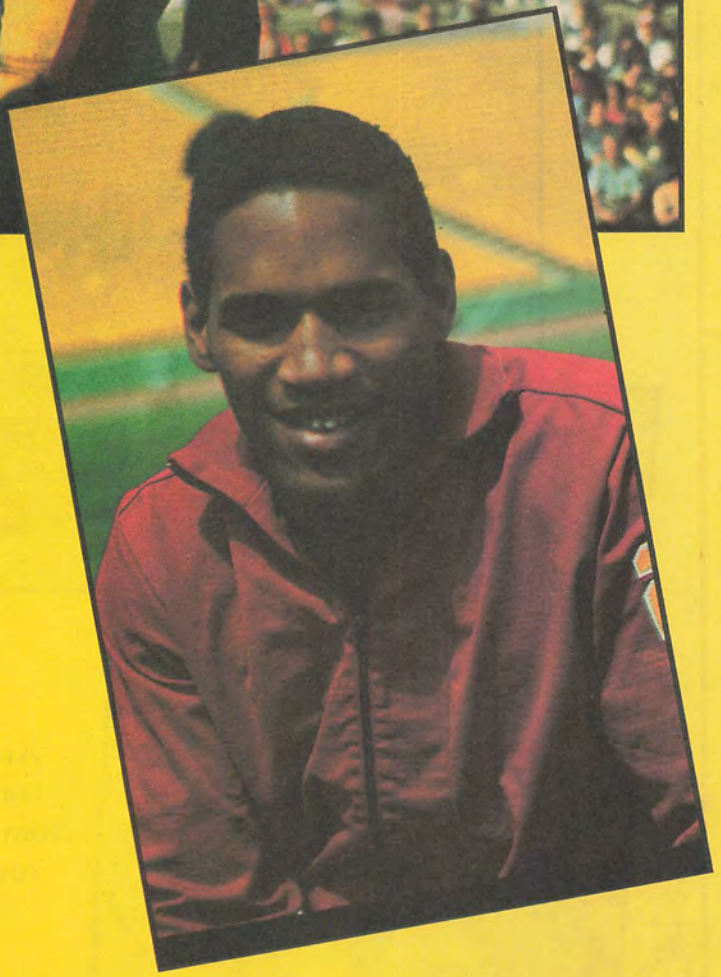
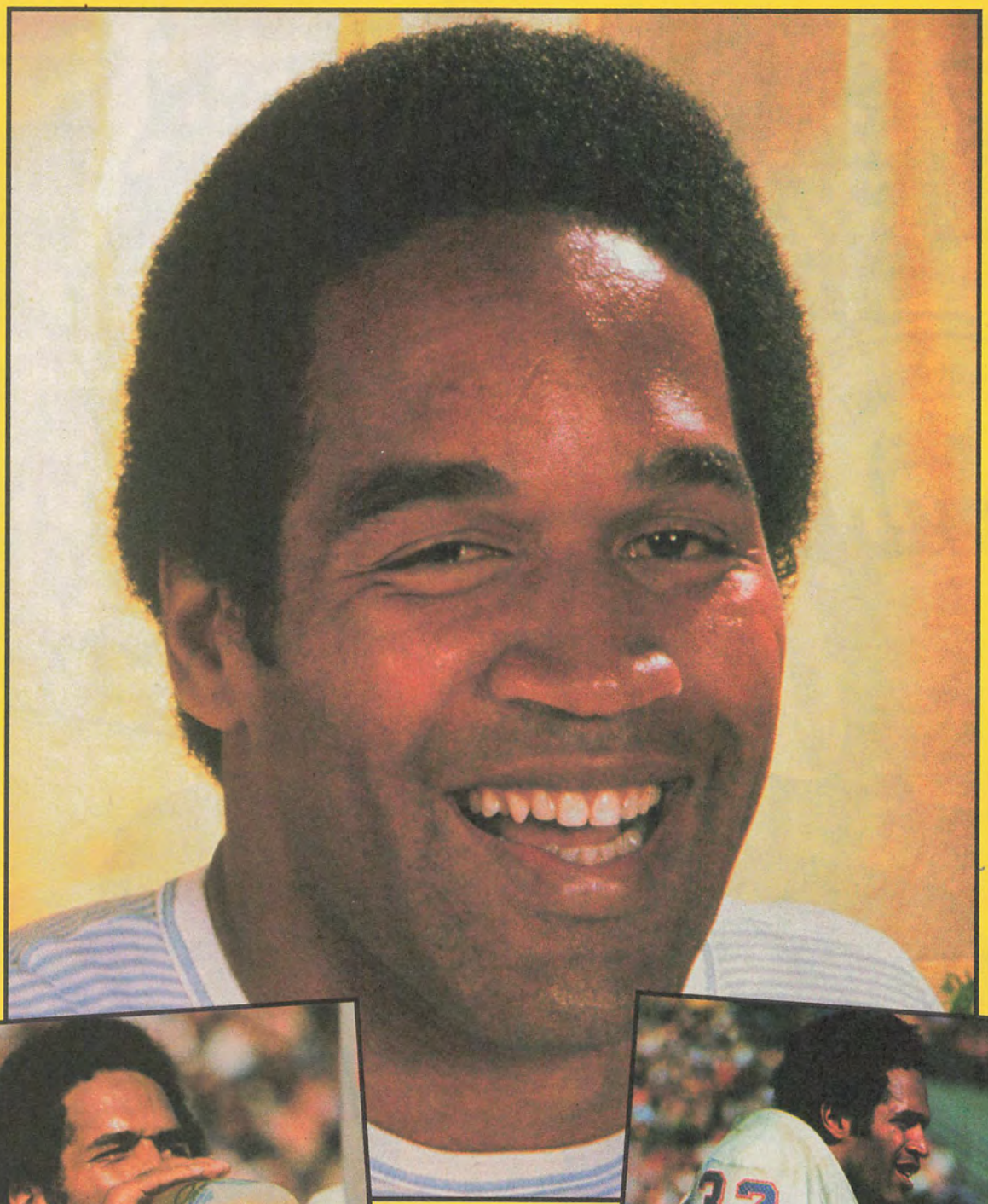
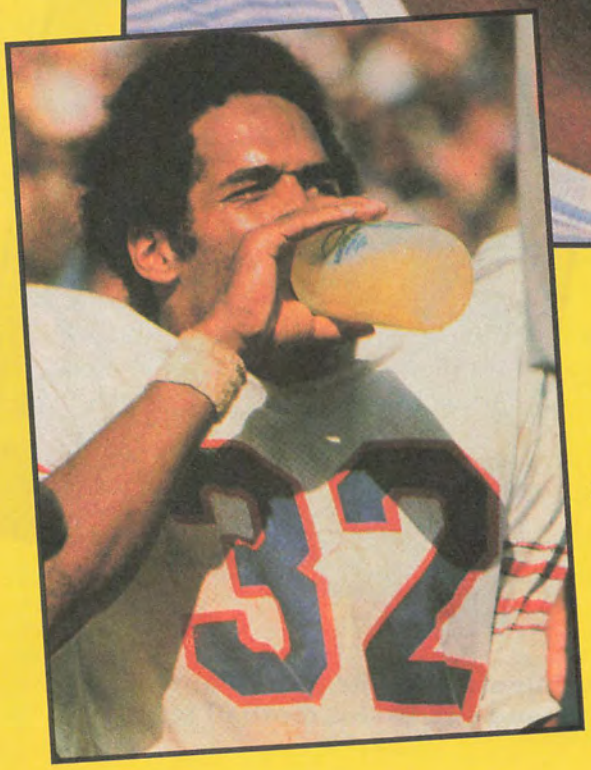




At USC, he was the multi-talented athlete, competing on a championship track team and successful football team.





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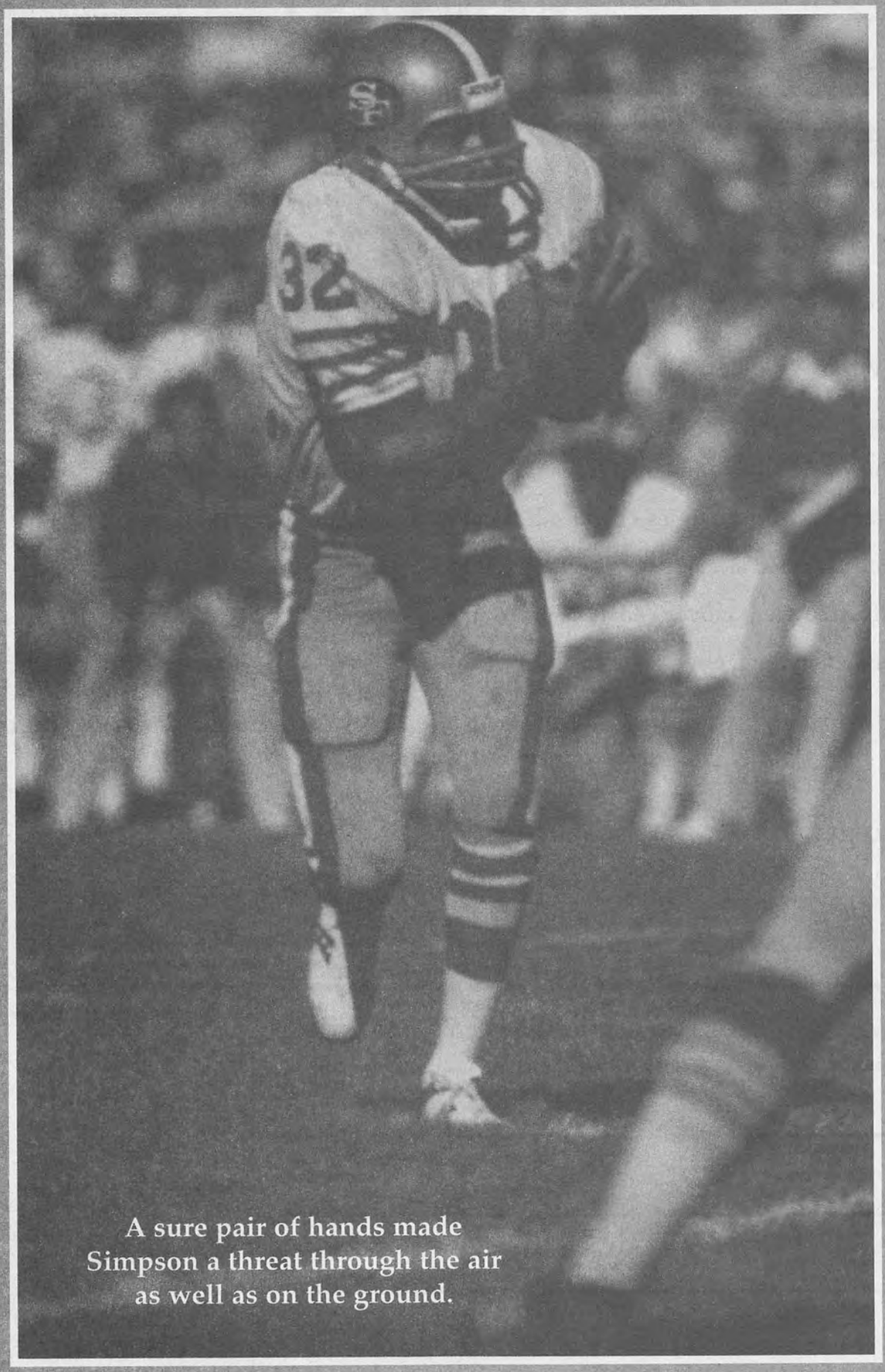
BUFFALO BILLS CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

	Years	No.	Yards	TD'S
Andre Reed	1985-93	586	7,379	58
Elbert Dubenion	1960-68	296	5,309	35
Bob Chandler	1971-79	295	3,999	34
Thurman Thomas	1988-93	295	3,053	16
Jerry Butler	1979-83'85-86	278	4,301	29
Frank Lewis	1978-83	269	4,638	24
Joe Cribs	1980-83,'85	180	1,783	15
O.J. Simpson	**1969-77**	**175**	**1,924**	**12**
Glenn Bass	1961-66	162	2,799	16
J.D. Hill	1971-75	160	2,631	20



A sure pair of hands made Simpson a threat through the air as well as on the ground.

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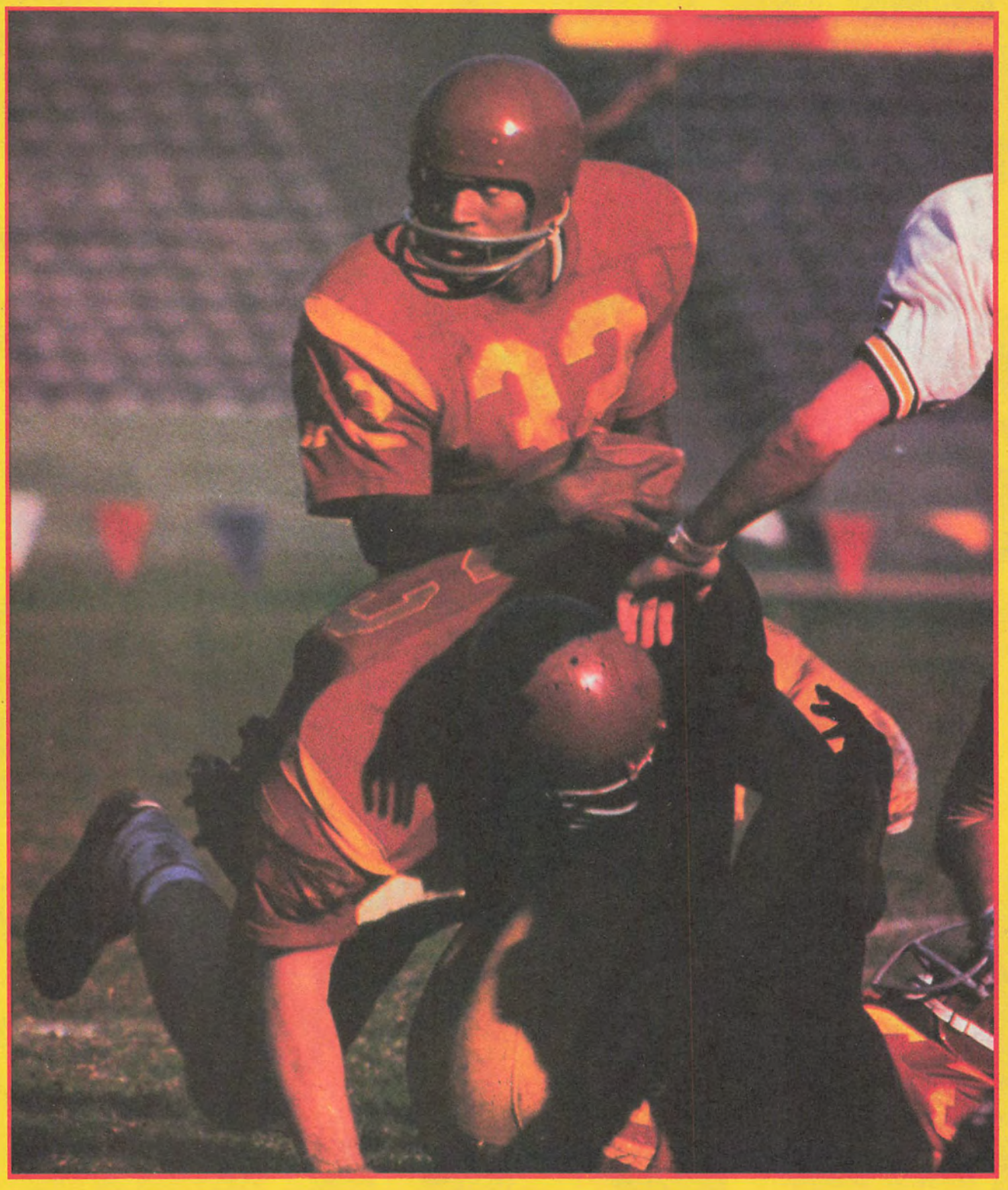

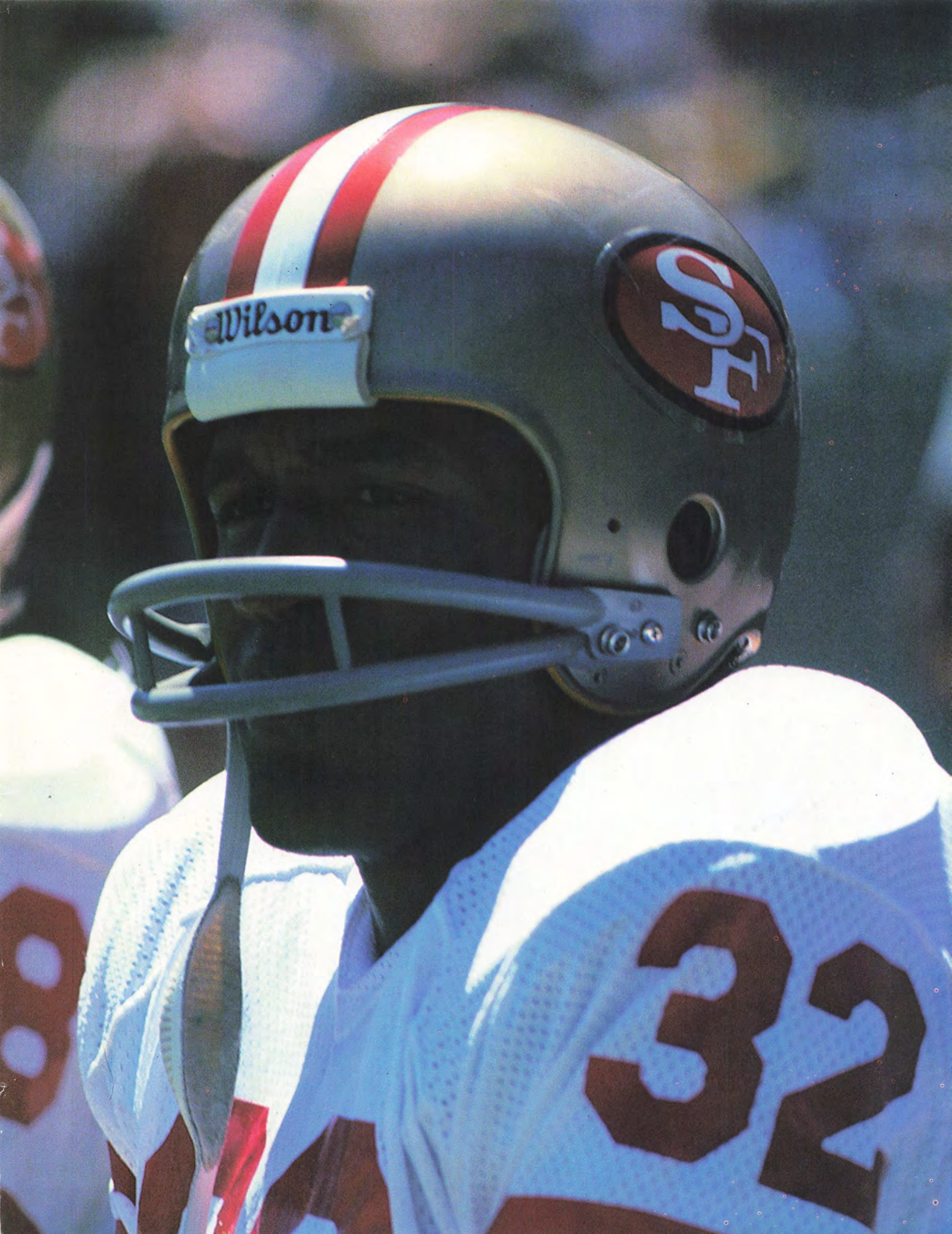
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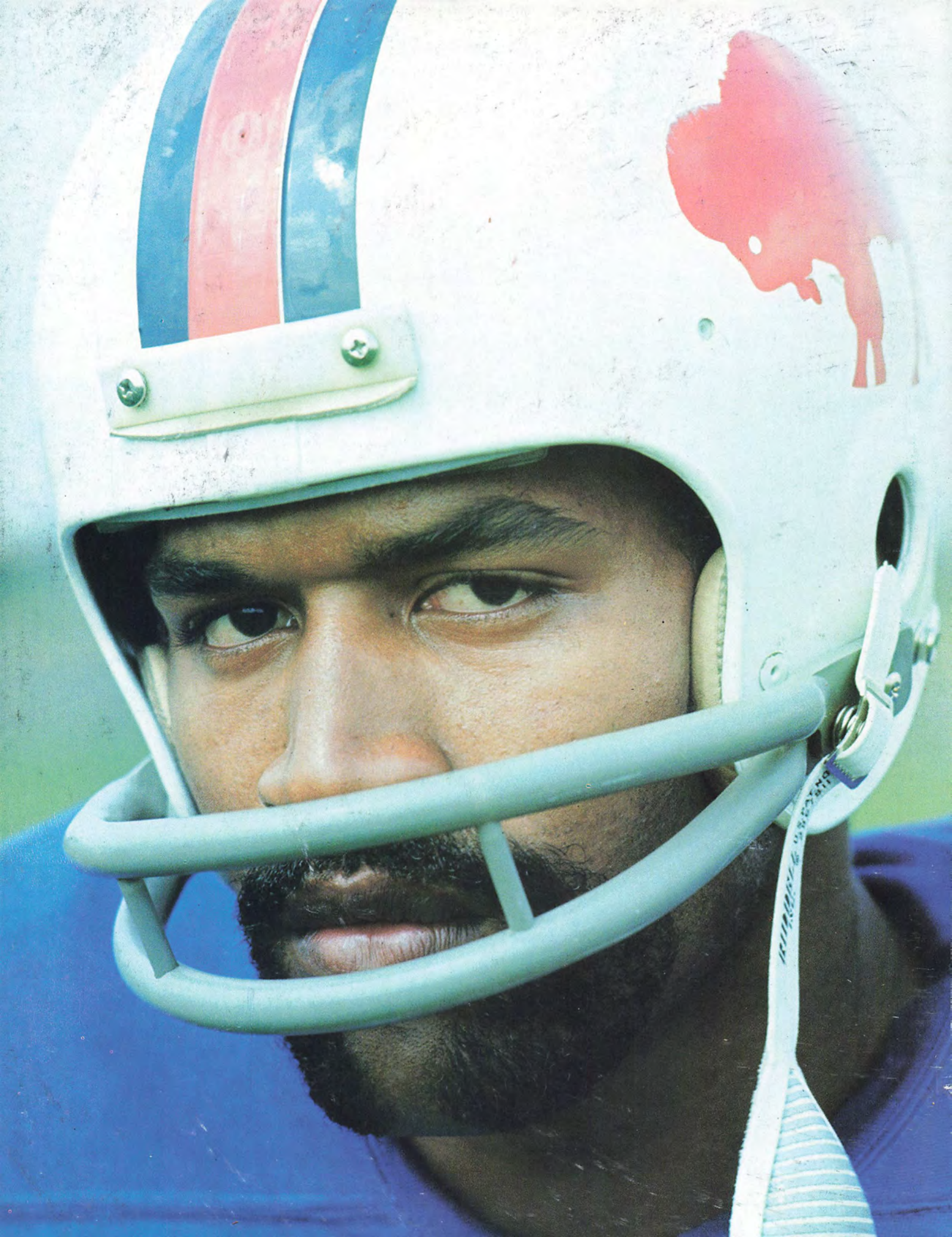

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